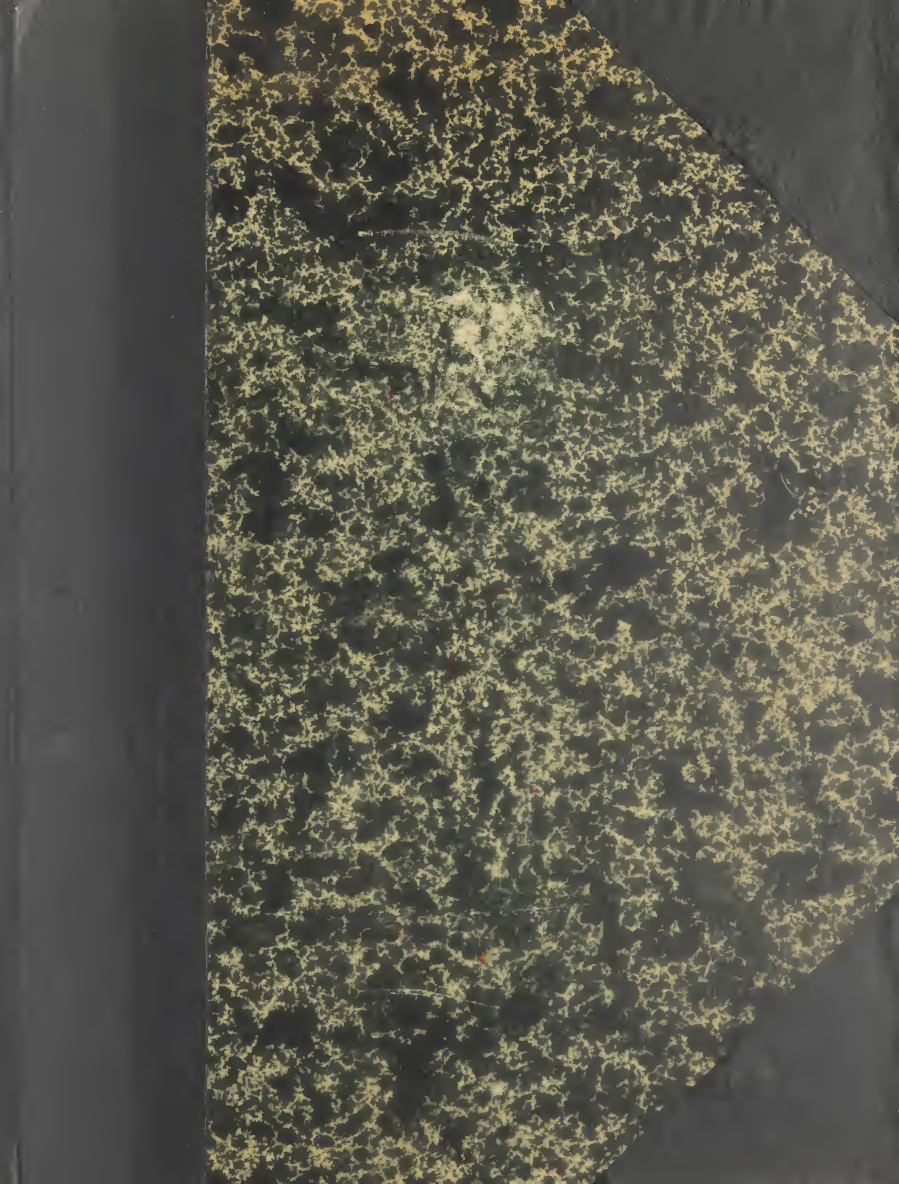


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"SNAPS."

Taken from the Diary of a Well-known Collector.

Collectors should not be content to always buy in the usual way, but should always be on the outlook for "snaps." Many of the smaller post offices have many rare stamps still on sale, and at others you can work the postmaster and get a few periodicals at face value. Being in a small place of about 2,000 inhabitants recently, and having spare time between trains, I went to the post office, and after getting acquainted with the post master, informed him that I desired certain stamps, which, perhaps, he might have, and mentioned among others periodical stamps. He evidently knew nothing of the rule prohibiting their sale, and I secured about fifty each of the one, two, four and ten cent and a few of the twenty-four cent, all at face value. I then inquired if there were any old stamps or envelopes which had been there when he took charge of the office. He said he had noticed a box of envelopes (white) with two stamps on, one green, the other red, but had forgotten what had become of them. I told him to hunt them up, offering him a good sum over their face value for his trouble if he found them. I have no doubt they were the 1861, four cent blue and red.

He could not find them and I am rather undecided as to whether to go back or not. If I do he will be almost certain to demand the return of the periodicals, as he has probably found out by this time he is not allowed to sell them. Still, if I do have to give them up and secure the envelopes, I will be much better off. But if I have to part with them and do not get the envelopes either, I will feel rather mean. But to proceed with another experience which is "snappy" also:

I was going to C——— on the morning train, and had just received my mail before starting. As I opened it in the train one letter contained a sheet on which were mounted some treasury department stamps. A gentleman, an ex-United States treasury official, with whom I was acquainted, was seated behind me. He had been looking over my shoulder and had noticed the stamps, and asked me if they were of any value to a collector. I told him they were, and he then informed me that he had used a large number of them and still had a quantity, which he promised to look up and give to me. I forgot all about the matter until several weeks later when he called on me and brought with him over 1,000 treasury stamps, all unused. The majority were ten and fifteen cent, with a few of the lower values and about a dozen thirty and ninety cent values. I offered to pay for them but he would not accept anything, remarking that they cost him nothing and I was welcome to them.

A collector should always improve his time and be on the lookout for opportunities like these. You may strike it rich some day. Stamps acquired in this manner are of much more interest than those purchased of dealers, and are really collected in the fullest sense of the word.

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"I wish I was in as affluent circumstances as King Kissinger," remarked one of our struggling publishers recently, "and I could afford a private secretary."

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The P. S. of A. trustees are going to run their department in the correct manner. They have already been heard from, and promise to leave a good record of their year's work.

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Many collectors confuse the 1871 lithographed set of Hungary with that of the following year the engraved series. To avoid this we append the following explanation: The lines in the circles in the two lower corners are in circles in the lithographed series, while in the engraved set of 1872 the lines run horizontally across the circles.

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Mr. Chas. E. Shaw is busily engaged in resurrecting the exchange department of the S. of P. He has a host of difficulties to overcome, but with his usual pertinacity will make a success of it.

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A double grille is usually understood to mean two grilles on the same stamp. The term really signifies that the same grill has been impressed twice. Stamps in this condition are extremely scarce.

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Two varieties of the portrait of Queen of the first issue of Hayti exist. The background surrounding the portrait is one in solid or plain, and in the other the same background is composed of cross lines.

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Collectors should keep a sharp look out for two dollar United States, green cent and brown three cent, 1851 and 1857 and the values of the higher denomination of course. They are at present a good investment, and will surely be advanced considerably in price during the coming year.

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A careful examination of the 1861 stamps will reveal many varieties in the central figures. The values possessing the most of these are the 01 and 24. The 10 will be found with the figures 1, 00 and 01. The 24 appears with 0 and 22 impressed upon it. Careful search will undoubtedly bring to light many other varieties.

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Editorial.

There is the same reason why, but The West is here, and possibly to stay. Who knows? It sends out no heralds in advance, and few knew it was enroute. But it is here and intends to make regular trips in the future.

It has not come to fill a long felt want. At least that was not the original intention. But if, by any means, it can overtake this "long-felt want," of which so many speak, it will endeavor to fill it to overflowing.

This sheet is not as good as we hoped to make the first number. But who is ever ready when the day comes to launch a venture? However, a stamp paper cannot be born full grown: they are a growth rather than a creation. It is therefore hoped by the editor and publishers that the contrasts between this, our first number, and those which follow it will form a series of pleasing surprises to our readers and make us many new friends in the philatelic world.

We need make no formal announcement explaining why we are here. This number and those that will follow will speak for themselves, and we feel confident we will give the philatelic public a good excuse for living.

We desire to exchange with all philatelic publications. We will esteem it a favor if two copies are sent, one to the business manager, and one to the editor.

We will be pleased if our western readers who, from time to time, pick up notes of interest, personal or otherwise, will send them in. Such items will be greatly appreciated, and full credit given to the sender when so desired.

Speaking of advertising, Mr. Dealer, reminds us of the old saying, "one chicken will not fatten a preacher." Dealers should remember that one advertisement will not fill their pocketbooks. An advertisement in THE PHILATELIC WEST for a period of three months or longer is what will pay.

Stanley Gibbon's catalogue has not been accorded a very enthusiastic reception by the philatelic public in America. The publisher's statement that the prices therein were all based on their stock was enough to give many the feeling that such a catalogue would be anything but reliable. We understand it has had an extensive sale caused no doubt, by the great amount of advertising done by the publishers.

The auction sale season is opening up, and the various sales promise to be well patronized by those who prefer to purchase stamps in this manner. This is the only way, in fact, that many specimens can be secured, and is growing more popular each year. A few dealers are conducting a series of sales where the bidding is done entirely by mail. Unless the dealer is entirely reliable, an opportunity for him to resort to dishonest practices to obtain the collector's money lies open in such sales. We know of a case recently transpiring that bears out our assertion, and unless the dealer in the case makes the bidder's loss good, we are disposed to give his name to the collecting public and put an end to his thieving.

The petition to the "Seebeckized" So-American countries by the National Philatelic society, the Philatelic society and the American Philatelic association to discontinue the yearly issuance of their speculative stamps has a laudable aim. We are much afraid, however, it will be regarded by these nations with amusement and, worse still, contempt, and fail in its design. We sincerely hope that it will be met with the respect it deserves and Mr. Seebeck disenthroned from the position he has attained—that of Lord over all philately.

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THIS society is for Nebraska collectors, of Nebraska collectors and by Nebraska collectors, only collectors residing in the state being eligible to membership. All such should correspond with the secretary. He has something that will interest you if you are not a member of this progressive organization.

REVIEW OF CURRENT LITERATURE.

PHILATELISTS admire an enterprising paper, and the increasing popularity of the Bay State Philatelist is due largely to this fact. Their "Comparative Auction Review," of great value to those who desire to keep in touch with the latest questions will be resumed this season. A new feature, a comprehensive list of new issues and discoveries, will be added soon, and under the able management of Mr. Raymond L. Perry, should prove a success. In the November issue, the following comment on Scott's catalogue expresses our views exactly:

"Every philatelist who attends an auction sale goes equipped with a copy of Scott's catalogue for the purpose of referring to the values there given of all stamps in which he is interested. He knows he must have a basis to work upon if he intends to bid intelligently and there is no better basis than Scott. If there was, we would see other books used. Scott's prices may not be absolute and may be based upon the conditioh of stock on hand, but for all practical purposes the prices are a sufficient guide. It is for this reason alone that we use the Scott catalogue as a comparison. We know we can buy stamps cheaper than Scott lists them, but we cannot carry the value of all the stamps issued in our head when at a sale. We must have a guide, and Scott's is the best extant."

In his usual versatile style, L. G. Quackenbush gives some interesting vignettes of prominent American philatelists. The author handles his subjects handily, the prominent characteristics of the men he selects being brought out with perspicuity and force in few words. Although the lives of such men as Tiffany and Scott are often presented to collectors in our papers, we never weary of them, each succeeding article being perused with steadfast interest.

Inside of the artistic colored cover that adorns the November Michigan Philatelist appears a variety of matter of general intesest. The experiences of W. Sanford with some of our foreign brethren coincide with those others who have been defranded by these "exchangers who do not exchange," as somebody puts it. The proper and the only safe method of obtaining a foreign exchange correspondence is never to send any stamps until you have received an assortment of equal value to that you send. "Sputterings," by Gerard Varney, deserves a weightier title.

SOMETHING ABOUT PROOFS.

Comparatively few collectors pay any attention to proofs of either postage or revenue stamps. There seems to be a general impression that they are outside the domain of philately. They are rarely offered for sale by dealers, and the auction sale affords the only chance to obtain them. They are of course not stamps, yet they are so closely related to them that they very properly a tract the attention of a very intelligent class of collectors. They should by no means take the place of the real stamp, which has a character peculiarly its own, and for which there can be no substitute as long as we collect stamps as philatelists; but as a fitting accompaniment of a stamp collection, nothing seems to me, can be more beautiful and appropriate than proofs of stamps we value so highly. Those on India paper are the most valuable. Proofs on thin card board are less desirable and can be had for a little more than half the prices of the others, yet they are very beautiful. They are generally printed in different colors, including the proper color of the stamp, but the kind of paper on which these impressions are taken, prevents their use in payment of postage, and from being mistaken as stamps themselves.

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Editorial.

Auction sales are becoming more popular each [illegible]. The sales transpire [illegible] for the larger offer, [illegible] purposes of [illegible] of rare stamps, and requiring [illegible] catalogues to list and describe them and the weekly or monthly sales of various small dealers, consisting of stamps of less rarity, all present an attractive mode of purchasing stamps for less than dealers' prices to collectors inexperienced in bidding at such sales. Perhaps after a youthful enthusiast has bid a few times on stamps contained in these smaller sales, he will realize that he cannot get what he wants for nothing. If he happens to secure a lot, he will probably be impelled to consider himself unfortunate in his lack of knowledge of the various tricks and deceptions used by unscrupulous dealers to draw the unsuspecting collector's money from his pocket.

For a sale conducted by men of known integrity, and where everything is open for inspection [illegible] bidding is done both by mail and personally, there can be nothing but commendation. It is of a few of these various petty sales, where the collector bids on something he cannot be sure is good, that our embyro philatelists should be warned. The list of the stamps in one of these sales may be published in the advertising columns of a stamp paper, or may be got up in the form of a catalogue. The lots offered are, it is stated, to be sold to the highest bidder, (if his bid is high enough to suit the owner of the stamps, we should add). The bidder need not expect to secure the coveted specimens for a song—the auctioneer will see to it that a lot brings its full value. This deception can easily be carried on, as the bidding is done entirely by mail, no one seeing the bids but the person conducting the sale. If the bidder secures a lot, he must remit the amount bid before he can see the stamps. If the lot is unsatisfactory, it is usually folly for the victim to object to being [illegible] swindled. His attention will be called to the description of the stamps, where some ambiguous statement is made to cover any imperfections existing in them. If this mode of procedure is not followed, some other unscrupulous method is resorted to to avoid returning the collector's money. Unless the collector has had long acquaintance with the auctioneer, or can satisfy himself that he is responsible, he should avoid these exclusively mail sales.

It is not our intention to decry mail sales of our various philatelic societies. The auction managers of these societies are men of known worth, elected because of this qualification, and can be trusted to conduct the sales with perfect honesty.

An Apology.

At some period of their career it becomes the lot of all philatelic publishers to fall a victim to the tender mercies of the individual commonly known as "the printer." We have had our experience thus early in the day, and beg our readers and contemporaries to overlook the numerous errors in this number. Owing to a misunderstanding, a portion of the [illegible] printed during the absence of our business manager who [illegible] work, and as a result [illegible] is not a glaring success [illegible] up or typographical work. We have your indulgence.

Another Apology.

This time to Mr. Roy F. Greene, whose poem a "A Kansas Greeting," appears on page four. It was our intention to have this where it properly belongs, top of first column, page one, but our friend the printer, took advantage of our situation and the result is not at all admirable.

Here to Stay.

The following from a prominent collector and dealer evidences his confidence in the publishers: "Just received a copy of the Philatelic West. Am pleased with same, and send you money order for 50 cents to pay for two subscriptions for one year." Accompanying the letter was an order for a quantity of advertising space.

The members of the P. S. of A. have been notified by postal card that the stock certificates are now ready, and the amount for each share of stock, 25 cents, is due. Many collectors like to have an early number in a society where the membership runs up into the thousands. The members of the P. S. of A. will receive new numbers as the stock certificates are given out, and those first getting their 25 cents in to the secretary for their share of stock will receive the early numbers. This does not look like a fair plan, as members living at a distance will have to take a back seat, those residing near the secretary's office being enabled to get their orders in at an early date. To a man up a tree, it would seem that the best method to have followed would have been to have allowed members to have retained their present numbers, giving them other numbers on their stock certificates.

We desire to thank our friends for their various words of commendation in regards to our first number. Many have expressed themselves in a substantial manner, and we appreciate such kindnesses possibly more than empty words. We shall be pleased to continue to receive words of approval accompanied by the cash.

The article, "Avoid Cheaters," will be completed in our next number, only a portion appearing in this issue. The part that is yet to come will contain some good advice to collectors. A dollar's worth of stamps for twenty five cents.

Nebraska Notes.

It is our desire to make this column of interest to all Nebraskans. With this end in view, we have requested a number of our friends in the state to report to us any happening pertaining to collectors in their vicinity. We extend this invitation to any Nebraska collector, and hope all will respond. If you do not feel competent to write up the matter, send in a brief statement of the facts and we will prepare it in a presentable shape. Any item, no matter how small or seemingly insignificant is accepted. We are willing to reimburse contributors for all expense incurred for postage in this work and further renumeration may be expected if the matter is of unusual interest. The idea is to bring Nebraska collectors in touch with each other, and everyone should aid.

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A "long felt want" will be filled when Nebraska collectors can secure a directory of all the active philatelists in the state. The issuance of such a work is promised by two well known collectors of Omaha, Messrs. Platz and Hopson. It is quite a task to secure all the data necessary for the compilation of such a work, and collectors should not be backward about aiding the publishers of the work in a substantial manner.

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A well known Omaha collector was recently approached by a gentleman who stated that he had a number of stamps he wished to dispose of. He did not know their value, but offered to accept $25.00 for them. The requisite sum was not long in forthcoming, and the fortunate purchaser after after cataloguing the stamps, found them to be worth over $400.00. A nearly complete set of Departmen s was included in the lot.

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Several collections have changed hands recently. Mr. F. K. Darling, of Omaha, disposed of his for the neat sum of $1,800.00. Guy W. Green has given up collecting altogether, his duties as postmaster at Stromsburg leaving him no time to devote to our pursuit. Mr. W. W. Hackney, of Lincoln, has also left our ranks.

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Mr. E. L. Platz, exchange superintendent of the N. P. S., reports sales very brisk in his department. He has lately received a number of good books of U. S. stamps and members desiring to purchase some of these desirable stamps should notify him at once. Parties having any U. S. they wish to dispose of can find a ready market in this department. The better class of foreign stamps are also in demand.

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There are 540 persons actively engaged in collecting in Nebraska. This figure is authentic, being the result of a recent careful canvas of the state. About 25 per cent of this number are members of the N. P. S. This is a good showing, but we are not satisfied. Fifty per cent should belong. And they will, some day.

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Members of the N. P. S. are promised something good in the way of an auction sale during February. Mr. F. S. Parmelee, our new auction manager, is a rustler, and parties having stamps for sale or wishing to purchase should correspond with him.

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The auction sale of the Nebraska Society comes off the last of 190th, being postponed from the 20th when it was to have been held. All collectors should drop a line to Box 840, Omaha, Nebraska, for list, as it contains some fine U. S. and other stamps.

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Mr. R. E. Wright, formerly of Broken Bow, after an extended trip to the Northwest, has decided to locate in Lincoln. He will be remembered as the publisher of the first U. S. paper, Philatelia Souvenir.

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Dr. J. S. McAllister, of Columbus, intends sojourning during the winter in the south. He promises to bring back not less than a car load of Confederate locals, etc.

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Mr. Fred B. Woolston, of Winside, will soon take up his abode in some rural district. He will "teach the young idea how to shoot" during the winter months.

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Mr. C. L. Thurston, of Omaha, has but lately recovered from a severe illness. It is said the "stamp fever" was not the prime cause of his indisposition.

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The hobby you love best.

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Who worship at your shrine.

A brother's love to you doth warm,
A love that Fate's severest storm
Can shatter not the changeless form
Of this regard of mine.

To all my Western brothers, I
Send word for word and sigh for sigh,
And echoes shout the glad reply
What though the winds may blow.

Our hearts are warm in brotherhood
We work and strive for common good
As truly Western brothers should—
My greeting, this, to you.

ROY FARRELL GREENE.

Review of Current Literature.

The December number of that typographical ideal, the Rocky Mountain Stamp, is replete with good things. It is accompanied by a very neat index of volume one, which this number completes. The two leading articles, "Rich and Rare Departments," by C. E. Severn, and "Specialism," by H. L. Wilber, while they are but a repetition of ideas previously advanced, are interesting. Mr Severn seeks to show that the rapidly increasing value of department stamps is not caused by speculation, the holding of quantities of them by persons desiring to "bull" the market, but that the supply is not adequate to meet the demand. Mr. Wilber has some peculiar ideas in regards to specializing. In closing his article, he says: "The satisfaction of gazing on well-filled pages, of discovering occasional varieties not previously chronicled and of possessing an inexhaustable stock of information in regards to each stamp of every issue combine to make this branch of our hobby full of fascination and profit." He also gives credit to a prominent U. S. specialist who discovered the secret marks of the 1872 and other issues. And yet Mr. Wilber decries the specialist who collects plate numbers, declaring this to be nonsensical and unprofitable. If we are correctly informed, the plate numbers have considerable to do with the positiveness of the specialist in regards to certain of these secret marks. And surely a collection of plate numbers must carry out Mr. Wilber's idea of "satisfaction" as stated in the excerpt above. In our opinion, the collecting of plate numbers has come to stay. They are of much interest in themselves, and are of invaluable assistance is ascertaining whether a stamp is watermarked or not. In the late U. S. issues it is almost impossible to make sure of the presence or absence of a watermark unless the plate number of the stamp is known. While this branch of collecting is a late arrival in this country, it has long been recognized in England, where collectors of plate numbers are numerous. A "List of stamps issued and chronicled during 1895," by Mr. Zahn, is continued in this issue. This is quite complete and is invaluable for a reference list. Considerable labor must have been expended in compiling it.

There have been many efforts made to successfully publish a paper exclusively devoted stamp advertising and exchanging. Most of these attempts have proven failures, the collector demanding reading matter along with advertising. From Birmingham, England, comes The Advertiser, now in its second year, and containing only advertisements. The paper has a healthy appearance, and should be popular with collectors of this country. Publication office is "Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, England."

We have received a catalogue of the first auction sale of the Kansas City Philatelic Society. Many desirable lots are offered, and the sale speaks well for the progressiveness of the society. We note their exchange department contemplates doing away with the cumbersome sheets formerly used in that department, books holding sixty stamps each to be substituted. The exchange department of the Nebraska Philatelic Society has always used and endorsed books in preference to sheets, and we are happy to see our sister society making the change.

J. N. & W. J. Delmann,

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Counting Perforations.

So many readers of our paper are beginners and so many seem to be rather in a fog as to this subject, that a few remarks may be allowable. The two-centimeter gauge, now universally adopted, consists in measuring a space of two centimetres along the bottom or sides of the stamp, and counting only the dents in that space. Of course, it will be understood that if all the dents along one side of a stamp were counted, then two stamps from the same machine would give different perforation numbers if they were different in size; whereas, if measured by the gauge, all the stamps perforated by the same machine, or, rather, by the same set of needles, would give the same perforation number, no matter what size the stamps themselves were. A simple gauge is formed by cutting a piece of black paper exactly two centimetres long and say $\frac{1}{16}$in. wide, and gumming it along near the edge of a small visiting card. We say "near the edge," as it can then be slipped under a mounted stamp without removing the latter. If now one edge of the little black strip is made to coincide with the very center of one of the dents, then counting the dents from there to the other end of the black paper, will give the perforation number of the stamp.

For those who do not care for the trouble of counting for themselves, a dozen or more gauge cards have been published, marked with all the guages to be found, from 7 to 16, and the stamps can be tried on the different numbers until one is found which fits its it exactly: the number printed beside that particular gauge is the gauge number of the stamp. One gauge is printed on thin gelatine, so that it can be laid over the stamp, being transparent. The one defect of this particular gauge is its susceptibility to moisture and heat, causing it to curl up when not in a book. If it were varnished on both sides, probably this defect would disappear. In using these ready-made gauges the the proper way is not to try to fit the black dots into the holes of the stamp but to bring the center of each dot against the center of the projecting teeth, when any variation will be at once seen. Also the user must see that all the dots (and not merely the first and last) correspond with all the teeth; for it often happens that the first and last correspond nicely, but if he looks along the whole line of dots, he will see that the middle ones do not coincide: as for instance, in the perforations 12½ and 14, where the beginning and end of a 14 will coincide when put to the 12½ row.—The Bazaar

Boiled Down.

Original and Otherwise.

Actual experiment shows that benzine is the proper thing to use in detecting water marks. It not only discovers the watermark if there is one, but what is of great importance it does not, in the case of unused specimens, injure the original gum in any way whatever. This item must be a very important item to the collector of rare specimens. Method—place the stamp face downwards on some dark article, for preference a piece of japanned tin, then coat over freely with the benzine by means of a rather thick camel hair pencil.

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We receive the following from S. F. Hughes, of Howe, Nebr.: "Just got the rarest of the rare—a Foochow local on original cover—and came to an acquaintance, too, so I know it is genuine. Scott says these stamps are bogus. This surely disproves his stand."

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The 1885 special deliveries, also same of 1893 are still on sale at a number of offices in eastern Nebraska and we advise collectors to lay a few of these aside, along with the 1 yen value of Japan.

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Do you collect watermarks? You have probably [illegible] trouble in finding the watermark of some of your stamps after you have mounted in some manner. Benzine is good [illegible] ing is [illegible] wrinkle and [illegible] ience. The [illegible]



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Editorial.

Late last [illegible]

Rather incongruous [illegible] the S. of P. handbook in the "Penny." And yet it is done.

We wish some good MMS.—no notes, but something "solid," on interesting subjects. Subjects furnished if desired.

We have received Albrecht's "Vest Pocket" catalogue, and Albrecht's catalogue of U. S. stamps. Both are very complete and no collector who wishes up-to-date compendiums of prices should be without them.

One department of our so-called **Counterfeit Detectors.** cieties that is little used by the majority of collectors is that presided over by that functionary styled "counterfeit detector." Collectors seem to incline more towards having their doubtful stamps examined by some dealer. There are two objections to this manner of ascertaining whether a specimen is genuine or not. One is that an expenditure of twenty-five cents is called for for every lot examined. And the fact that the dealer's opinion cannot be altogether unbiased is also admitted to be an objection. He may think he is giving his honest convictions when he pronounces a specimen a "fake," but his verdict usually can not but fail to be influenced in many ways that antagonize an unprejudiced statement. The counterfeit detector of a society, if he is a competent person, can give the collector much greater satisfaction, and, moreover, it costs less to patronize him. The expense of having one lot examined by a professional will pay a year's dues to any one of a number of societies.

As to whether the petition **Sebeck's Future.** recently sent to Sebeck-Discomized countries by our leading societies influenced President Alfaro, of Ecuador, or not, when he made statement that "considering that it is unworthy of the dignity of the government to continue the contract made for the supply of postage stamps it is decreed that such contract is declared rescinded and cancelled" we are not informed. This intelligence is [illegible] some news to all, however, and we will not reserve our praise for President Alfaro. It is possible his decision may have some influence on other South American countries whose emissions are now so much in disfavor.

Spain. What an inviting field for stamp "finds" Spain must be. Philately has never has never received much attention there, there being but a scattering of Philatelia's followers residing in the country. To an American conversant with the language and customs of the land, it offers an opportunity to pick up treasures that are lacking in this country, where the ground has been gone over so often and so thoroughly. With the awakening of the collecting spirit now in progress there, we may certainly expect to be entertained with many stories of the adventures of the seekers after rareties.

A Word With Advertisers.

It is a well-known fact that the advertiser first in the field is the one who will reap the harvest. If he can cause his advertisements to circulate among a class of collectors who rarely see a philatelic paper, he reaches the most liberal purchasers known. By keeping his advertisement constantly in circulation among such people, he secures a permanent, paying trade.

Residing in the West, in Nebraska and surrounding states, are hundreds of collectors to whom practical philately is yet unknown, save by perhaps an occasional stray sample copy or dealer's price list. Among these are numerous collectors who can well be termed "advanced" who always are willing to purchase good stamps, and there are also collectors by the score who only possess small collections but are only awaiting the opportunity to buy and increase their varieties.

THE PHILATELIC WEST offers to advertisers a never before equalled opportunity to reach such collectors as the above. It circulates more extensively among them than any paper published. A long list of the collectors residing in Nebraska and the surrounding states, compiled with care by the personal efforts of collectors travelling over this territory, is owned by the publishers of this paper. The names in this list are only of those known to be actively engaged in collecting. Over one half of these are collectors who know nothing whatever of the great world of philately. These names have been secured at some expense in the only way possible—by personal inquiry in the various towns of these western states. To the enterprising advertiser, THE PHILATELIC WEST offers the means, at the appended low rates, whereby to reach these collectors. Can you afford to let the opportunity pass without grasping it?

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I give above list of new members as Pennsy did not publish it though it was sent in, so all can see who are members.

There are a number of N. P. S.'s whose dues are late and this is the last notice that will be sent out. If this notice is marked you are on the list and should remit 25c at once. All Nebraska collectors are cordially invited to join. Fee is only 10c and dues only 25c per year. Secretary will be pleased to furnish any information together with all necessary advice.

L. BRODSTONE, Secretary.

Nebraska Notes.

We have received the annual report of the Birmingham, (England), Philatelic society for 1895. A few pertinent remarks on this may interest members of the N. P. S. The society had 26 members in 1893, 45 in 1894 and 77 in 1895. This is regarded as a good showing by them. Their library is very complete and it is a pity our American national societies do not emulate their example. What they cannot get by donations, is purchased outright, thus making the library a useful adjunct.

The exchange department has some features that are worthy of recognition. No special sheets or books, such as our American societies have, are used, the members being allowed to furnish their own sheets. To secure uniformity, the size of the sheet and other restrictions are made. The price is written above each stamp, a space being left below for the signature of the purchaser. The owners of sheets have permission to utilize the back of their sheets for notices of exchange, etc. Each member is required to have a rubber stamp to use in the place for his name when a stamp is removed. All packets are required to be forwarded by registered mail, and no deviation from this rule is allowed, under penalty of removal from circuits. None but the members whose names are on the circuit list are permitted to examine or purchase from the sheets. All members are required to send filled sheets into the department, those not so doing being made last on the list of the circuit, thus losing the chance of securing the most desirable stamps in the lot. The packet cannot be kept longer than one day without a payment of a small sum per day. Every third member on the circuit must notify the secretary of the arrival of the packet. A fine is inflicted for non-obeyance of this rule. Accounts are settled quarterly. It will be noticed that their rules are very strict, and many of them, while perhaps suited to English collectors, would be regarded with scorn by society members in this country.

The annual report is a neat pamphlet of 20 pages and cover, and is a very creditable advertisement for the society.

Mr. E. L. Platz, [illegible] tendent of the N [illegible] brisk business in its department, in spite of the dullness [illegible] mercial circles. Six hundred [illegible] worth of stamps have been [illegible] cuits since November [illegible] cent of these were sold.

The N. P. S. [illegible] place during the [illegible]

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Prof. Philatelicus' Black List.

Someone in one of those western states is putting a bogus grill on the 7c stamp of '72. The fraud is easily detected by comparing with the genuine, and to collectors who have no regular grill of this issue we advise caution and careful examination before buying.

Miscellaneous Philatelic Thoughts.

U. S. revenues are certainly in demand. Dealers are advertising them extensively and collectors, it will be noticed by exchange columns are after them more than ever before. We think U. S. revenues are the best investment of any stamps, barring unused U. S. stamps. Fine well centered perforated, and wide margined unperforated revenues are worth every cent of catalogue price.

About every other time I go to the postoffice to buy some cent stamps, I get a sheet of inverted watermark. One day I bought a strip of five 2c stamps with plate number 88. They were watermarked sideways. Wonder when the bureau of engraving and printing will learn to manufacture a uniform article of postage. Soon time.

It is quite noticeable that the "Chronicles" are published in only a few of the first class journals. There was a time when nearly all the small papers copied "Chronicles of New Issues," just to fill up space, we suppose; but in all the lately published journals and papers, the "Chronicles" are noticeably absent. The "Review of the Press" is being dropped too, gradually. Some writer's "Review of the Philatelic Press" is very interesting, because they know how to make it so; but others, presumably "kid" writers put up such stuff, that it is no wonder so many stamp journals "die" so soon.

In the year 1882, we learn, America could boast of no philatelic writers. We can now, however, have a splendid lot. To be sure, there are some mediocre writers, (probably we are such, but we are learning) but as a rule they are of the younger element, but who may become some of the finest one day.

We have before us "The Philatelic Stamp Value Book," published early in 1895. It is supposed to be a book of prices stamps are worth to dealers. Here are a few of the valuations:

New York, 5c black,	$ 1 00
1847, 10c black,	50
Executive, 3c,	50
Executive, 1c, 2c, 6c, 10c,	1 00
Justice, 90c,	1 50
State, $5,	3 50

The above are only samples of the ridiculously low prices offered. Who wouldn't buy at from five to ten times those prices? The book is a sort of deception and only intended for a dealer's use when buying stamps of collectors who are "verdant" and ignorant of the true values.

Just about a year ago I had in my possession a N. Y. 5c black, all fine specimens which were purchased at $3.50 each. Wish we had some more now. Also one with was a fine unsevered pair, black on blue paper, and one of the double line variety catalogued at $20.00.

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Early Stamp Collecting.

R. L. PAYNE, SCHUYLER, NEB.

Somewhere about 1854-5, I began collecting postage stamps and at that time collecting was confined to school boys. I was one in a large school in England and almost every boy collected. We used to stick our stamps solidly in old copybooks and carefully cut to shape all envelopes and thus we spoiled what are now extremely rare stamps. As we had no catalogues, we knew nothing of arrangement and placed entirely as our fancies dictated. The most easily procurable stamps were English, French, Spanish, German States, Prussias, Sicilian, Neapolian, Tuscan, Canadian, Cape of Good Hope, New South Wales, and Sardinians were a drug in the market and we used to close a deal with each other by throwing a dozen of Sardinias in to complete the trade. Mulready envelopes were cheap and not uncommon, and black 1d common also. In those days we little thought of the ultimate value of these stamps. No especial value was placed on the 4-4 Mecklenburg Schwerins. The triangular Cape of Good Hope stamps were probably the most valued on account of their shape only. Early Mauritius and many other now scarce stamps were easily obtained.

When Russian and Finland stamps came out, how we were bothered with the strange characters on them, and to where they belonged. United States locals soon became common and although many were probably counterfeits, we were happily unconscious of such. At one time I had 200 of these locals. I wish I had now.

I still possess many early specimens of envelopes that I collected as a boy and often sadly think of the time I so carefully spoiled them by close cutting.

When I came to this country in 1870, I began taking the American Journal of Philately, published by J. W. Scott & Co., and secured the first volume, beginning March 1 1868 and studied up the chronological system by W. K. Freeman. Since then rapid strides have been made in the science and I have altered the arrangements of my stamps several times.

I now have only United States, locals, revenues, etc., as only a millionaire can keep up a general collection. I have, however, reserved my English stamps. I have all on separate cards, [illegible] as way:

I draw a design, leaving spaces for stamps, and these spaces are cut out of the card which is of a neutral tint. I then mount this card on bristol board, which, of course, leaves a depression for the stamps to be mounted on. The spaces between stamps are ornamented by lines of blue and when finished present a very neat appearance.

I also collect unused stamps as I think the beauty of them is destroyed by cancelling. I keep a second lot of cards, however, for cancelled U. S. and keep them seperate as I would not otherwise get anything like a full collection.

I know of nothing that will give as good a knowledge of geography as the study of Philately and every boy should be encouraged in this by his parents.

Honest Dealers.

Honest stamp dealers. By this we do not mean to reflect on all stamp dealers or stamp dealers as a class. But if collectors will reflect upon the course some so-called stamp dealers have taken; their many tricks and twistings to cheat collectors out of their money, we think we know they will agree with us when we say we would like to see not some honest dealers, but ALL dealers strictly honest and reliable. Many collectors will no doubt reply, "Of course we would like to see all dealers honest, but we cannot help it if dishonest dealers thrive." Collectors, this is where you make a mistake. It lies in your power to drive every dishonest dealer from the business. Do not patronize them, do not send any orders to dealers who are not known to be strictly honest and reliable. Do not send a single order to a dishonest dealer, no matter how cheaply he advertises certain coveted stamps. Discourage other collectors from dealing with them, and, in short, do all in your power to break up their business. If all honest collectors would pursue this course and if all honest publishers would refuse to insert advertisements which on their face show the dishonest of the dealer, there would in a short time be a scarcity of this unwholesome drug on the stamp market.

The publishers of this paper intend to follow this rule, and thus practice what we preach. No advertisements sent by parties who are known by us to be unreliable, will be inserted.

A Specialist's Paradise.

A bill lately introduced in the house, provides that beginning July 1, 1896, it shall be lawful to transmit by mail at the postage rate of one cent apiece, payable by stamps affixed by the sender, written letters on private mailing cards; such cards to be sent openly in the mails, to be no larger than the size fixed by the convention of the universal postal union, and to be approximately of the same form, quality and weight as the stamped postal card now in use in the United States.

If the bill becomes a law what a magnificent field for the specialist will be opened! Shades of Moses! No danger here, however, of the millionaire being the owner of a complete collection.

Boiled Down.

Original [illegible]

The delicate brow [illegible] Tobago will not stay [illegible] ter, and collectors should [illegible] go dirty rather than [illegible] last case of smallpox [illegible] away.

A very curious error [illegible] Norway has in the [illegible] errors in the 2[illegible] tinct varieties, one [illegible] curs several times [illegible] which was soon found [illegible] lose a stamp showing [illegible] changed many times [illegible]

[illegible] of 40[illegible] Brazil has [illegible] ll—a town [illegible] can boast of [illegible]

Many collectors [illegible] to pass through [illegible] way can also be [illegible] coming through [illegible] upon the stamps [illegible] effect like a sm[illegible] obliged to use [illegible] will so ignorantly [illegible] on the [illegible] of [illegible] gam remaining [illegible] stamp.

Cuban Stamps.

A set of stamps [illegible] which purport to [illegible] public, and are [illegible] us. The design [illegible] green, about [illegible] the result of [illegible] nine to New [illegible] Revolutionists [illegible] the most important [illegible] not increasing [illegible] lished some years [illegible] therefore [illegible] stamps are [illegible] vises our friend [illegible] character is [illegible] fact that they [illegible] rubbish market [illegible] raise suspicion [illegible] so green, he [illegible]

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Address the Editor on Other Subjects.

Editorial.

The edition of March 5, of Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News was a missionary paper of great value. Replete with articles of interest to non-collectors, and to those who once had collections but discontinued, this paper will do an unlimited amount of good in bringing in new recruits and retaining those we have.

Our business manager reports an unusual demand for copies of THE PHILATELIC WEST from foreign collectors. Australia, England, South American countries, etc., all seem highly pleased with the paper. Collectors can probably acquire a nice foreign correspondence by judicious advertising in these columns.

Nebraska collectors have long mourned the lack of an official organ published in the state. Having secured second-class rates, we intend to endeavor to fill this want, and hereafter will act as the official organ. The change was made with the sanction of the officers and prominent members, and it shall be our aim to give the best service possible.

Many collectors will be pleased to hear that certain prominent collectors residing in the east have made a concerted move to resume the methods of collecting in vogue several years ago, doing away with the exhaustive search for minute varieties of perforations, watermarks, papers, shades, etc. John W. Scott has announced himself as much in favor of the movement, and other prominent dealers have expressed themselves as regarding the movement as well worthy of consideration. This is welcome news. Personally, we admire collectors of shades, plate numbers or minor varieties, and respect the collector of them. But we are of the opinion that the mass of collectors prefer this method of collecting that is again coming into favor, and we hail its advent with pleasure.

Uncle Sam has smiled upon us, and sanctioned our continuing our career by giving us second-class rates. We can now assure our friends, and also those unworthy of this appellation, that we are here to stay. Those who have already manifested their confidence in our staying abilities in a substantial manner will accept our thanks. We have more heart-felt words of gratitude on tap for those who are not already on our subscription books. Twenty-five cents for a liberal quantity.

Dealers who hold auction sales have added a new feature this year that cannot fail to be appreciated. Photo-gravures of the rareties of the sale are given with each catalogue to prospective bidders. The work on these is of the finest, an exact reproduction of the stamp being secured. Beginners will be enabled to see just what notable gems look like, and the illustrations can also be used to advantage in comparison with doubtful specimens, where originals can not be obtained for this purpose.

For the information of our contemporaries, and others interested, we wish to state that THE PHILATELIC WEST is published under a joint ownership, comprising the editor and the business manager. What few expenses may be incurred in the publishing of the paper, and all the immense profits accruing from the same, are equally divided between the two proprietors. And in this connection, we wish to state that while advertisements sent to the editor and MSS. mailed to the business manager, will always receive careful consideration, we would prefer to have prospective advertisers and parties sending articles for publication to consult the "shipping" directions at the top of editorial column, and be guided thereby, thus saving your humble servants considerable trouble and your communications delay in reaching their proper destination.

The Chicago Philatelic Society has started the following request, sent to all the [illegible] Societies in this country: "The undersigned committee of the Chicago Philatelic Society respectfully request, that that the officers of your society sign the enclosed slip, and attach the official seal, stating total number of members, petitioning the postmaster general "To place on sale the Newspaper and Periodical, also Postage Due Stamps" for the benefit of stamp collectors of this country." This is a move in the right direction, and it is hoped the petitions will receive the attention they will merit when they are sent in.

Philatelic politics are getting more lively every year. Whether this is to be regretted or praised is a matter requiring careful consideration to decide. The number of candidates already in the field for offices in the coming P. S. of A. election is surprising. Six men, at least, have announced their intentions of entering the arena and striving for the Presidency. Aspiring candidates for Exchange Superintendent are numerous. Dame Rumor has it that one of the Mekeels intends entering the race for this office. Comment is unnecessary.

Despite a very bad storm, some twenty or thirty were present at the sixth auction sale of the Nebraska Philatelic Society, held at Parmalee & Brown's, 1316 Farnam street, Omaha, on Wednesday evening, March 18. Mr. Parmalee officiated as auctioneer. The prices obtained were very low when compared with sales in the east. The following are a few of the prices over $1.00:

Lot	1 N. Y. 5c	$ 5.50
"	6 10c '47	3.50
"	19 90c 1857	17.00
"	49 15c 1869 no frame	4.50
"	56 90c 1869	16.05
"	83 $1.00 Columbian	5.00
"	84 $2.00 Columbian	4.00
"	105 24c Justice Department	7.05
"	106 30c " "	17.75
"	107 90c " "	39.50
"	108 Navy, complete	23.00
"	131 2c State	4.50
"	140 Treasury Dept. complete, unused	11.00
"	169 Newspaper Stamp 9c	2.50

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There are a few members yet on the list who are in arrears for dues and this is the last notice that will be given. If this notice is marked you are on the list. Send in 25c at once, so as not to be dropped.

L. BRODSTONE, Secretary.

President's Address.

We haven't addressed our members for some time. But we have been working for the N. P. S. just the same. THE PHILATELIC WEST is one of the results of our work. "In the Interests of Philately and the Nebraska Philatelic Society" is our motto. Do you not think it is one worthy of attention?

We must urge members who are in arrears to make settlements with the secretary. Our new membership cards are gems, and you should have one. The new application blanks are works of art, and you only have to show one to a collector to induce him to join. Secure a supply and do some missionary work.

ED. H. WILKINSON.

Nebraska Notes.

The genial State Journal man, S. A. Gardner of 1922 R street, Lincoln, has an original idea in collecting the U. S. watermarked series. He puts them in his album in strips of four, showing the letters U. S. P. S. Mr. Gardner collects U. S. only.

C. L. Thurston, our honorable N. P. S. librarian, has recently been appointed a staff officer of the Omaha Cadet Corps.

Nebraska collectors will be sorry to hear of the severe illness of Mr. F. E. Ellis, of Santa Barbara, California. We are unaware of the nature of his disease, but it is reported the prospects are unfavorable for his immediate recovery.

O. H. Kent, an enthusiastic stamp crank of Auburn, has recently purchased the Auburn Post, and in spite of his many duties still finds time to talk stamps.

Several of Nebraska's advanced collectors are refusing to touch the present U. S. stamps on watermarked paper, claiming that a stamp on which artificial means must be used to detect a difference, is really no variety.

Specializing, we think, is carried a little too far when men who know better, take up Seebecks, in preference to legitimate postal issues. It is needless to add they are not members of the N. P. S.

Mekeel's Weekly says the 5c changeling dartfield envelopes are coming from Nebraska. Now as we have only 500 collectors in the state who is the guilty one?

Another new stamp company for Nebraska. Crosby & Higginson of 1427 S. 8th St., Omaha, are in the field for a share of Nebraska trade.

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Some time since, Mekeel's weekly printed an article concerning the error in the '94 watermark on envelopes. If you have none, better look over your 1 and 2c envelopes, especially those coming from Kansas City, as the ones we have came from this place. The error in mark is a "straight backed" nine, and a four with the lower part very much too long and leaning toward the nine too much.

It has been stated that the watermarks on our present issue commenced after the plate numbers were near the hundred mark. Not long since we purchased a lot of plate numbers of dues, and among them we found number 60 on watermarked paper.

A new variety, present issue U. S. 2c envelope has appeared. The outer circle is broken directly opposite the T of postage. Collectors who find this variety will be surprised if they examine the inside of the evelope.

The 1d black and 1d red unperforated stamps of England can be found with numerous minor varieties in the letters in the corners. The letters may be double, apparently caused by being printed twice. Some are found with periods after the letters.

S. P. HUGHES.

A Word With Advertisers.

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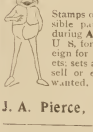
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The Ten Cent Green of 1861.

Stamp collectors in some respects resemble sheep. They usually follow their leaders, who to use a common expression among bicyclists, "set the pace."

In collecting stamps of the United States, great interest has been shown since the arrival of the new catalogue listing several hitherto unknown varieties. None of these Type varieties have caused more excitement than those of the ten cent green of 1861.

As Type I is listed at $20.00, and Type II at 10c and as the difference between the two is not very marked, every collector and dealer has eagerly searched his duplicates to find the rare one.

We are informed by Tiffany that there were 28,872,720 of these stamps issued. The prices of each denomination of this issue in Scott's will be found to be well proportioned to the approximate number of each issued. It will be observed by looking back several years that while all of this issue have shown a steady advance, but one or two values have shown any remarkable jump.

Two very prominent firms have sent out circular letters offering to pay good prices for the stamp in large or small quantities and dealers as a rule are refusing to furnish the stamp in quantities, some claiming they have more and are not able to purchase.

Collectors who are "up to date" are making a great effort to obtain stocks of them, some of them probably in the hopes of making a rich find, others from purely speculative motives. But whatever the cause may be, it is certainly becoming quite a craze, somewhat similar in nature to that which we were afflicted with by the Columbian set.

The stamp is to be found in all shades running from a dark rich green to a very light pale color. I believe the dark ones are the most uncommon. It is extremely hard to find an evenly centered and lightly cancelled specimen, while the stamp in a torn, poorly centered or heavily cancelled condition is quite plentiful. The good specimens are few and far between, and it is worth every collector's attention to see that he has a good specimen while they are within his reach.

Of course those who are holding this stamp expecting a bonanza in a phenomenal rise in the next year are liable to be disappointed. Still, with stamps, as other commodities, are governed by the supply and demand, and at present this one is surely in great demand, and the supply seems to be too small to supply this inordinate demand.

Be this as it may, it is quite certain that it will not decrease in value and who can say but what by the time the next catalogue is issued, some enthusiast will have found another scarce variety.

F. F. TOMBLIN.

Boiled Down.

A new variety of the 1d blue of Victoria 1865 has recently been discovered, the existence of which has remained unsuspected for 30 years. Few stamps have been studied more carefully than this, and fully fifteen varieties of water-mark and color are already known. The newly-found variation has as a water-mark a double-lined 2. As only one has ever been seen, it is probable that not more than a sheet was printed, all told. The explanation is supposed to be that once when the Victorian office ran out of paper, and borrowed a supply from Tasmania of a d double lined 1 and 4 papers, a single sheet of the other was included in the lot, no doubt by accident. It is a quaint reflection that this mis-change of a generation ago, should now be the means of enriching any man who happens to find a stamp produced through it.

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It is exasperating to find unused stamps pasted down right in a collection you have purchased. To remove them without tearing the gum is quite a trick. Try this at the first time: Wash the paper at back of stamp larger than the stamp itself, bathe the whole back of the paper with lukewarm water a few minutes, then raise the stamp slowly with a new knife. When the paper at the back is soaked from the stamp bathe in the same way those parts full not to get the water on the stamp. Then remove with the thin blade of a pen knife as with the other method.

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It is said that the Belgium Soudan stamps have proven failures, and that a continuance is contemplated by the government. These stamps have only been good every other year, and a set of them will soon value as a few years.

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It has long been considered an established fact, that the 1865 issue of Belgium consisted of two printings, one effected by the engravers of the plates, Messrs. De la Rue & Co.—the so called London print,—and the other by the Brussels government printing office. But this theory seems to have been altogether wrong. The Stamp Collectors Fortnightly has it now on unimpeachable authority that only 1,500 sheets of the 1 franc were [illegible] Messrs. De la Rue [illegible] only one that was [illegible] Further stages, [illegible] printed by De la Rue [illegible] forged specimen.

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[illegible] Lincoln Philatelic Literature as [illegible] to subscribe. A copy and a year subscription to The Philatelic West for only twenty-five cents.

The Philatelic Exchange seems to [illegible] the plan of sending their approvals direct from the dealers. This is a good idea and [illegible] different parties would [illegible].

We have received a very neat letter from an eastern party offering 400 [illegible] in exchange for [illegible] We are always glad to receive letters of this kind, for they help to encourage us.

The Bay State Philatelist for April comes flat in an envelope the size of the paper.

W. H. Kessler, jr., editor of the Michigan Philatelist, will have an address book out for his state this month.

We expect soon to have some premiums of unusual value to offer subscribers. Until we are ready to announce them, however, we will say that a quarter's worth is guaranteed to every subscriber in good reading matter.

We have received the American Philatelic Association year book, a neat volume of 138 pages. It contains much interesting matter to the members of the society and also to non-members. Something similar should be published by the P. S. of A.

We invite notes from collectors in any town or city of the state for publication in the Nebraska column. The editor will revise and arrange all notes sent in, when so desired, so don't be backward in doing so for fear you are afraid you cannot write them properly.

We will have an article each month from the pen of some Nebraska collector, telling of the experiences they have had in their collecting [illegible] starting with those of ups-to-date collectors. These are always interesting, and the [illegible] will be regarded with interest by subscribers.

[illegible] H. B. Fenn, of Salem, Va., announces a [illegible] of Virginia Philatelists," to appear in March. It has become quite the fashion for [illegible] to issue a little book or [illegible] of this nature. And these are productive of very much good, for they [illegible] a good foundation in the state they [illegible] and serve to bring those collectors [illegible] who [illegible] a start of information [illegible].

A great [illegible] received, containing a song [illegible] Russia used for postage stamps and several specimens were offered for sale, the prices in the letter being less than the [illegible]. We cannot see what a collector can [illegible] of foreign postage and envelopes [illegible] of the U. S., can want with [illegible] envelopes. They [illegible] soon in [illegible] to [illegible] and [illegible] possess [illegible] and [illegible], perhaps, from ignorance, of the [illegible].

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ARTICLE I—Name and Object.

SEC. 1. This society shall be known as the Nebraska Philatelic Society. Its object is to promote the interests of its members in all proper ways.

ARTICLE II—Membership.

SEC. 1. Any correspondent resident of Nebraska may become a member by signing the Constitution and paying the membership fee. Application shall be made to the Secretary, and shall be accompanied by the initiation fee and dues. Each application must be approved by the Executive Committee before the applicant can become a member. Persons not residents of Nebraska may become honorary members, but shall not be entitled to the privileges of active members.

SEC. 2. Each active member shall pay an initiation fee and applicant's application. A full roll shall be kept by the Recording Secretary. The Treasurer shall notify each new member of his election, and the names shall be announced at the first meeting after election. Any member who shall neglect to pay his dues for three months shall be dropped from the roll, unless he shall have been excused by the Executive Committee.

SEC. 3. Any member of the society may withdraw from membership by giving notice to the Secretary, and paying all dues and assessments.

SEC. 4. All members in good standing shall be entitled to vote and hold office.

SEC. 5. Whenever charges preferred in writing against a member of the society are signed by three members in good standing, and the Treasurer shall be notified of such charges at the same time, such member shall immediately be furnished with a copy of the charges, and shall be notified to appear before the society at its next meeting. The society shall select the committee of three to act as judges to hear and investigate the charges. If the charges are sustained, and the accused refuses to withdraw from membership, he may be expelled by a majority vote of the members present.

ARTICLE III—Meetings.

SEC. 1. The regular meetings of the society shall be held on the first Saturday in each month, at such place as shall be designated by the President, or in his absence by the Secretary. Special meetings may be called by the President, or by the Executive Committee, or by any five members, by notice to the members at the time. Seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a less number may adjourn from time to time. Meetings may be suspended during the months of July and August.

SEC. 2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the society. In his absence, the Vice-President shall preside, and in the absence of the Vice-President, the senior member of the Board of Directors present shall preside. In the absence of all these officers, the members present may elect a President pro tem. to preside over the meeting.

SEC. 3. A majority of the members present, or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a less number may adjourn from time to time.

ARTICLE IV—Amendments.

SEC. 1. No amendment to this Constitution shall be adopted unless it is proposed in writing, and submitted to the members at a regular meeting.

SEC. 2. The Executive Committee shall have power to make such amendments to the Constitution as may be found necessary.

ARTICLE IV—Executive.

SEC. 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Secretary, Treasurer, and Librarian, and the President and Vice-President shall be members ex-officio. The Committee shall have general supervision over the affairs of the society, and shall report at each meeting. They shall have power to appoint such committees as may be necessary to carry out the objects of the society, and shall have power to call special meetings when they deem it necessary. They shall have power to fill vacancies in the offices of President and Vice-President, and shall have power to remove any officer for neglect of duty, or for conduct unbecoming a member of the society. They shall have power to make such rules and regulations for the government of the society as they may deem necessary, provided they are not inconsistent with this Constitution. They shall have power to appoint a committee of three to act as judges in case charges are preferred against a member, as provided in Article II, Section 5. They shall have power to call upon the Treasurer for a statement of the finances of the society at any time, and shall require a full report at the annual meeting. They shall have power to appoint a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts at any time, and shall require a report from the Treasurer at the annual meeting. They shall have power to appoint a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts at any time, and shall require a report from the Treasurer at the annual meeting. They shall have power to appoint a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts at any time, and shall require a report from the Treasurer at the annual meeting.

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SEC. 1. The officers of the society shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian, and three Superintendents, known as the Auditing Committee, Attorney and Physician, to serve for one year, unless sooner removed by a majority of the members present at any regular meeting. The officers shall perform the duties usually pertaining to their offices, and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Executive Committee.

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Sec. VI. Auction Manager. The Auction Manager shall receive stamps from members and sell same for sale with or without reserve as the owner may direct, at auction sales, held as often as he may deem necessary. He shall make all rules for conducting the business of his department, said rules subject to the approval of the President. He shall retain ten per cent of the amount realized on all sales to cover the expenses of the department.

Sec. VI. Counterfeit Detector.—The Counterfeit Detector shall write an original article or a review of the best literature on the genuineness and so far as he can when required by the various members. Members shall be required to give the necessary postage, and shall be charged nothing more.

Sec. VII. Attorney. The Attorney shall organize a department and the collection and settlement of any and all just claims presented by members of this society against any persons whatsoever, or the owners of any stamps, etc., that they are unable to secure the return thereof. In case of the collection of a claim, the attorney shall retain ten per cent of the amount thereof. In case the conditions in any case to collect a claim, as shall be recommended by the Advisory Board, postage, etc., expended by members in connection with said claim. No debts amounting to less than one dollar shall be accepted by the attorney for collection.

Sec. VIII. Trustees. The Trustees shall perform all such duties as are required of them in this constitution. They shall make reports periodically of all business transacted by them, and cause same to be published in the official journal.

ARTICLE VI—Administrative Officers.

Sec. I. The appointive officers shall consist of a Board of Information of three members, appointed by the President, serving until their successors are appointed. Their duties shall be to furnish any information in their power to give, relative to stamps or stamp matters in general, to any member of this society who requests same, said member to furnish postage necessary to relieve said board from all expense incurred in correspondence relative to members queries.

ARTICLE VII—Official Journal.

Sec. I. The Official Journal of this society shall be The Philatelic West, of Superior, Nebraska. All reports and other matter pertaining to the society shall appear therein. One copy as it appears shall be mailed regularly to each member who is in good standing, at a cost of one cent a copy. All reports of officers and other matters pertaining to the society to be published free of expense to the society in said journal.

ARTICLE VIII—Property.

Sec. I. At the expiration of their respective terms of office, all officers shall deliver to their successors all moneys, papers, books and other property in their possession relating and belonging to the society.

ARTICLE IX—Amendments.

Sec. I. This constitution may be altered or amended only by the assent of two-thirds of all the members or this society.

A Word With Advertisers.

It is a well-known fact that the advertiser first in the field is the one who will reap the harvest. If he can cause his advertisements to circulate among a class of collectors who rarely see a philatelic paper, he reaches the most liberal purchasers known. By keeping his advertisement constantly in circulation among such people he secures a permanent, paying trade.

Residing in the West, in Nebraska and surrounding states are hundreds of collectors to whom philatelic literature is yet unknown, save for perhaps an occasional stray sample copy of some eastern paper. Among these are numerous collectors who will be termed "advanced." All of these are willing to purchase good stamps, and there are also collectors by the score ready to purchase small collections and eagerly awaiting the opportunity to buy such because their set of collection.

The Philatelic West offers to advertisers a very liberal upgraded opportunity to reach such collectors as the above. It circulates extensively among them and is very popular. A long list of the collectors residing in Nebraska and the surrounding states, compiled with care by the personal efforts of collectors residing over this territory, owned by the publishers of this paper. The names in the list represent only those known to be actively engaged in collecting, and are not of those are collectors who know nothing whatever of the great world of philately. These names have been secured at odd moments in their many busy pursuits by personal inquiries among various groups of these persons using. Extensive advertising in The Philatelic West offers the means, at no unreasonable low rates, whereby to reach these collectors. Such is offered to the opportunity just without stopping to

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Exchange of foreign butterflies and stamps for stamps of America. Edward Holly, 3 South street, Deal, Kent, England.

Lot of 2c Columbian envelopes to exchange for other U. S. Make me an offer. Wm. B. Hopson, 1107 S. 28th street, Omaha.

Good foreign in exchange for U. S. not in my collection. Send sheets and get mine. R. L. Shepard, 2004 Wirt street, Omaha.

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Anyone sending 50 or more stamps from his country will receive same quantity of Chile. Joseph Garrigo, Casilla 248 Conception, Chile, S. A.

Correspondence wanted with collectors in South America, Asia, and other foreign countries. Send list of what you have for sale or exchange. E. F. Heltman, Superior, Nebraska U. S. A.

Will give double catalogue value in good foreign for any U. S. stamps not in my collection. Send what you have. C. R. Pyburn, 1226 N. 20th street, Omaha.

A German silver key ring check with name and address for 20 covered philatelic papers. Stamps, books, magazines, etc., for philatelic papers. F. T. Shepard, Nebraska City, Neb.

Gladiolus bulbs, beautiful named varieties, to exchange for lightly cancelled United States and Confederate stamps not in my collection. This offer good until June. Hattie A. Heaton, Charlton, N. Y.

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HELLo!!! Be sure to send your name for a copy of the catalogue of my 5th auction sale of Philatelic Literature; 300 pieces, all different. 'Twill be my last for a while. George E. Cleaver, Reading, Pa.

$2,000 exchange list. Send for list. I want newspaper press, small paper cutter, stereotyping outfit, type in good condition, books, on zinc etching and printing. Send your type lists. James Matthews, Rusk, Texas.

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President's Address.

We are pleased to present the new N. P. S. constitution to members in this number. This was adopted at the convention last fall, and we believe it to be as complete and comprehensive as that of any other society.

As the dull season of stamp circles approaches our officers should not allow their enthusiasm to grow lax. We are gaining new members at the rate of four or five a month, and this is a good showing for a state society already having over one hundred members. Keep up the good work! We are now recognized by all as a cosmopolitan, the largest and most strictly state society in existence, and success will be if each member does his share.

Those who are in arrears for dues should give the matter their attention. Twenty-five cents is a small sum, indeed, and one can get many times that amount of good out of the year for such small investment.

Our stock of information blanks are now ready. Use them freely in exchanging stamps or answering questions. Standards should not forget this while wishing to obtain some exchanging questions. The cost of these blanks is the same as the postage used to the stamp. They are sent to any

E. S. PLATZ, Secretary.

New Members.

[illegible] Omaha.
[illegible] Omaha.
[illegible] Omaha.

Applications.

[illegible] College View. Reference [illegible].
[illegible] Superior. Reference, L. Brewster.

My Collecting.

FRED B. WOOLSTON.

I am going to give you some of my ideas on collecting, so I will use "I" considerably. It can not be avoided, so I ask your pardon.

I think there are benefits to be gained from the collecting of stamps that can not be as easily obtained in any other way. This is especially true of the geographical knowledge that is acquired. It is also largely true of the miscellaneous information. This miscellaneous knowledge embraces a wide range of subjects, but it is mostly concerning countries and customs. These remarks apply principally to general collecting. If one makes a study of philately, he gets many of the benefits that he would get from studying any other science.

But the benefits of philately would keep but few of us collecting. The true reason why most of us collect is because we like it. There is a certain pleasure about the collecting and study, ing of stamps that must be experienced to be appreciated. Because one has spent time collecting and studying them, he does not like to see his collection come to naught. Now, I am not a stamp. Since I was collecting in 1870, I have never has been a time when I was not collecting stamps.

I began collecting in 1870. My means then were very small, so I did not have a large collection. I was then living in Ohio, and I remember well the pleasure I had in looking over my collection of postmarks. There are two events that I will always remember in the collecting of postmarks. The first was when I saw a letter from Germany that was sent to me as a stamp. It was all red and had on it two postage stamps and two postage dues. The second event I can not recall, only I know that I was very much astonished.

For several years I have been gradually reducing my number of collections for the purpose of special collecting. I presume I will have several collections. I presume each one will be the pleasure of some collector. I intend to collect the stamps of Mexico and have planned out the method that will be followed.

The next collection will be my collection of stamps of Nebraska. I intend to commence this the first of next January. There are many stamps that would not be worth more than the face value. The stamps I intend to collect are those of the issues, varieties in color, shade, or stamps of some. I am thinking of making a collection of checks and other such matter as is considered a curio from Texas.

Until [illegible] I have never given up any stamp that I collected. Either the stamp became rare or I [illegible] I have just about completed my collection of [illegible] to make one stamp of a [illegible] issue without good stamping and a few [illegible] poorly. Under the [illegible] of the [illegible] issues of Nebraska. These are well known and rare ones. When you are positive of [illegible] you can [illegible] The width of the [illegible] is [illegible] The width of the [illegible] is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]



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The addresses of some of our collector friends in England are of such extreme length that the envelope occasionally bears a portion of the address on its reverse. "Ernest A. M——Care Rev. Arthur G——, The Cottage, Dunmow Road, Bishop's Stortford, Herts, England," is a terror!

In their own papers, however, the names subscribed to exchange notices are as a rule abbreviated as much as possible. "Smith, Arthur's Road, etc.," is one that would provoke a smile here, where members of the Smith family are so numerous. "Philatelist, 98 Cunningham Road, etc.," "Dew, Shirley Gardens, etc.," "Homewood, Chichester," "Stamps, Stockwell Road, etc.," and the like are frequent.

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It is an important historical fact that the earliest official information that we possess of the introduction of stamps into Great Britain is in connection with duties levied on legal documents in times of the Stamp Act, passed in the middle of the eighteenth century. The amount of these duties was impressed on small pieces of blue paper affixed in a peculiar manner to the second page of skins of parchment. A small strip of lead foil was inserted through the center of this stamp and the parchment to which it was affixed, both ends of the strip being brought through to the other side of the sheet, when a label containing the double monogram G. R. surmounted by a crown and the figures "57" and "8," referring to the 57th Act of Parliament of the eighth year of the reign of George III, was placed over both ends of the lead foil, thus rendering the stamp in front available for the one document and no other. This style of impressing duties on parchment and vellum is still in force, the label with monogram bearing the double twisted letters V. R. instead. These parchments with affixed stamps are to be purchased at the offices of internal revenue.

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Stamps that are frequently overlooked are the various Great Britain surcharged "Govt. Parcels." The surcharge is not always distinct, and these varieties are often found among lots of common stamps.

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The English postoffice authorities have been made aware of a light-fingered industry which devotes itself to the skilful cutting-off and rejoining of the unstamped halves of stamps that, having passed through the post, have not been entirely defaced.

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An English contemporary has it "Philately and Personalities both begin with 'P,' hence, perhaps, the reason why writers of the first are so prone to the second."

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My Collecting.

A. PILLEY, THAYER, NEB.

What started me collecting stamps? The Columbian issue in the first place, in the second twenty varieties of foreign stamps received with a sample copy of a paper, which, by the way, was issued only twice afterwards—hope giving the stamps did not cause their failure. I should have probably discontinued collecting, but a friend started, and that kept up my interest. I knew little abont stamps, had no catalogue and received few papers. I had few opportunities to exchange, as collectors were not so numerous in those days as they are now.

Altogether my interest in stamps is greater now than when starting. I buy fewer than then. It takes too much cash to keep up.

I think collecting is becoming altogether too scientific. Too much time consumed in hunting for minor varieties, which, when secured, are but little noticed by other people. At least this is my experience. Why not divide collectors into two classes? Class A: Those who collect all the minor varieties, watermarks, papers, etc.; Class B: Those who recognize only the same varieties as were collected ten years ago.

It is my opinion that if our stamp papers would give the latter class more attention there would be fewer collectors give up our pursuit. Three-fourths of the reading matter of our publications is devoted to auction sale prices, where few stamps that have sold for less than $2.50 are mentioned, descriptions of new discoveries of minute varieties, uninteresting personal matter, etc. It has been stated that out of a million collectors, five per cent buy stamps priced above $1.00. Say ten per cent do, that leaves ninety per cent who do not care to read so much about stamps they do not own, and many of which they never will possess. Let the papers cater more to the majority.

Now if the papers, or some firm, were to publish a list, leaving out all minor varieties, listing only stamps that differ from others in nearly the whole design or in color, not shade, as a guide in placing stamps in albums, it would be of more service to class B, and I think would induce many to collect or continue collecting. And still there would be more varieties than ninety-nine out of one hundred could get. I have five varieties of the 10c brown and to get them in their right places in an album requires a microscope and even then I am not sure about the shades. It is the same with others and this spoils the pleasure except for advanced collectors. As albums are now printed there is bound to be lots of blank spaces, as very few collectors get all the varieties, and it is necessary to purchase a new album each year if you would have it correspond with the standard catalogue.

NOTE.—Recently movements have been started by prominent dealers and collectors to carry out some of the reforms Mr. Pilly suggests. A new catalogue and an album have already been issued that leave out all of the so-called "minor" varieties. EDITOR.

Exposed.

Philatelic Editor: Ha! my boy; doubled our circulation this month!

Friend: What! Have you received another subscription?

String Your Stamps.

Quite the most novel method of collecting stamps we have heard of has recently been brought to light. A gentleman residing in Lincoln, upon being informed that a certain lady possessed an old collection which could probably be secured at a small outlay lost no time in calling on the lady and making known the object of his errand. She did not at first understand what he wanted, but after a lengthy conversation, a bright light dawned upon her and she exclaimed, "Oh! now I know what it is that you wish' It is that string of stamps I made when I was a girl,' and promised to have them for him if he would call the next day.

Our collector was somewhat at sea as to what she meant by a "string" of stamps, but rather expected to make some kind of a rich find. True to his promise, he called on the lady the next day and you can imagine his expectations were raised to the very highest notch. And what was his surprise to receive a veritable "string" of stamps, consisting of several thousand specimens all strung on a piece of thread. He was presented with the lot as the lady assured him they were of 'no value whatever." Nothing loath, he accepted the gift, and [illegible] ination, he found [illegible] of the 1870-72 is [illegible] tunately, had [illegible]

What next?

A vote for Roy [illegible] vote for the [illegible] S. of A.

What [illegible]

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Address the Editor on Other Subjects.

Editorial.

The new Omaha Bee, Ft. Crosby & Hardison is now owned by the latter. It will pay to try him.

We are informed that Mr. J. A. Prince of Chicago, intends going out of the stamp business in the near future.

Collectors who have any duplicate stamps they wish to sell or exchange will find C. P. Higgins, Howe, Neb., as the right man.

The *Physician Philatelist* is dominated among the things that were and the *Mystery* was consolidated with the *Intermediate*.

Well! Well!! "Who'd a thunk it!!!" The *Sponge & Philatelist* has, we are informed, suspended publication. Peace to its ashes.

The *Rocky Mountain Stamp*, formerly published by the firm of Harrington & Zahn is now under the exclusive control of Mr. J. E. Zahn.

To every N. P. S. member who will secure three members for the Nebraska society and send secretary before meet or Sept. 1st, he will give a set of four varieties of entire Columbian envelopes, if postage is paid. Address the secretary.

Look out for a surprise next month! Send in your subscription before our next number is out, otherwise you will probably not receive it.

We have been favored with a copy of Kissinger's "Hand-book." The matter in this book was compiled by C. W. Egan. It should be in the hands of every collector.

Our Business Manager recently spent several days in Lincoln in the interests of a bicycle road-book in course of preparation by the Nebraska division of the L. A. W.

Several prominent A. P. A. members, despite the earnest solicitations of their friends, have declined to announce themselves as candidates for the Presidency. Is the odium attached by many to the cumulative ballot system the cause of this?

In the Nebraska Philatelic Society constitution, published last month, a typographical error was made that should be corrected as follows: In Article VI. Section III. place "Article IV. Section" before the numerals I, II, VI, and VII. those appearing in the fourteenth line of Section III.

There are still a few papers who do not send us two copies of their publication, as requested on the first page. Those who wish to receive THE PHILATELIC WEST regularly, will kindly put us on their mailing list for two copies, one for the Editor and one for the Business Manager, at your convenience, please.

We learn with regret that Mr. W. H. Barnum, secretary of the P. S. of A., has sustained a severe loss in which a valuable book was destroyed. It is feared that it will never entirely recover from the effects. This unfortunate accident has caused the delay in the exchange of the Department recently commenced with the P. S. of A. members.

Nebraska exhibitors are patriotic to the core, or soon to arrive in the county should send in names to our Nebraska editors. Under the new arrangement you are given credit for matter sent in and it speaks well for a town to have notes appear favorably therein. Send anything of any nature and please write on both sides of the paper if you use grammar. Send in late we will fix it up at present rate.

After the county P. S. of A. election: We, the Editor, The Business Manager and THE PHILATELIC WEST will let politics severely alone and no matter appearing therein bearing on this can be regarded as advertising, nothing else. We have our preferences, of course, but the columns of THE PHILATELIC WEST will not be used to express them. It has been our experience that politics, philatelic politics, afford but small profit to he who concerns himself with them, be he candidate or layman.

Enough papers to champion the various candidates have already begun to fill their columns with campaign literature. We will not inflict our readers with any such matter, unless it is paid for at our regular advertising rates. We love the P. S. of A., and desire to see it prosper, and believe it will, but this year we will make no enemies and lose no friends by keeping our columns free from campaign matter

Columbian envelopes of the 5c and 10c values can be obtained at the Washington, D. C., postoffice: 5c Columbian envelopes of P, Q and official sizes; 10c Columbian envelopes of P. Q and official sizes. At Chicago postoffice: 1c, 5c Columbian envelopes, R size, 4¼x5¼; 5c Columbian envelopes, G size, 3⅝x8⅝; also, 4c envelopes of different sizes. They are nice to use for registered matter and sending exchange lots, and worth face value when used. Send at once so as not to be too late, as it will pay you to get them.

If readers, or members of the N.P.S., will let the editor know of any stamps on sale at your postoffice or if you know of a class that is desirable and not on sale at every place, we will be pleased to publish same, and in this way help each other. The editor and manager not being dealers, we wish to readers of this paper.

The business manager of THE PHILATELIC WEST, L. T. Brodstone, expects to attend the stamp meets at Minneapolis, and if you do not expect to attend, he would be pleased to get you proxy to any of these societies: P. S. of A., A. P. A., L. A. P. and W. P. A. He is a member of these and will use proxies as you wish. If he has more than the required number, he will see that they are used as you ask, as he would like to get yours. And remember if already given and you wish to give to him, the one with latest date will throw out all others given before. If you have any friends you can secure proxies of, will be glad to get them, as can't get too many. See? Proxies for any of the above societies or all can be sent, and instructions be given will be used in best way possible.

If you have any friend collectors you think would like to see this paper, kindly send us the names as we will be pleased to send them a copy. We are anxious to [illegible] any collectors names we do not already [illegible] and will give advertising space

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President's Address.

The attention of members is invited to the reports of the librarian and exchange superintendent appearing below. Both are complete and interesting. Loyal members will respond to Mr. Thurston's request for small donations.

This column is open for contributions to all members. Suggestions, notes, etc., solicited.

ED H. WILKINSON.

New Members.

133. H. E. Bennett, College View.
134. E. F. Heltman, Superior.

Applications.

135. Verne Rice, 2534 Decatur St., Omaha. Reference, C. Pyburn.
136. F. L. Shepard, Nebraska City. Reference, L. Brodstone.

Exchange Superintendent.

TO THE MEMBERS, GREETING:

This department has been worked up to the ... sales of stamps are such as ... mbers putting on good stamps and ... lping hand toward making it ...

... the department was made to pay ... this year even more than that. ... compare well with any society ... fact, will run ahead of ... ng I wish to ... sales ... to make returns.

Should I be reelected to this office I will devise some plan whereby the returns will be made monthly. A great deal of the delay of time can be laid to the members themselves, as some do not send the books to the next on the circuit as soon as they might. Again, they fail to notify me when they do send out the books and of the amount they take, thus entailing an unnecessary amount of correspondence.

Just before our annual convention next September, I will issue a small pamphlet or circular, giving a *resume* of the year's work and valuable information about this department. Any member can have one by sending me his name, address and society number. The department will close June 1st.

Below will be found my report up to April 15th:

Number books received	140
Value of books	$851 87
Number of books returned to owners	93
Number of books now in department	87
Number of circuits	43
Number of people on circuits	215
Number of members using department	20
Sales	$205

A little over 25 per cent.

E. L. PLATZ.

Librarian's Report.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NEBRASKA PHILATELIC SOCIETY:

Since I was elected to the office of librarian of your society in last September, I have done my best to give our society a fine library. But one person can not make a library equal to the needs and requirements of Nebraska philatelists. I need the co-operation of every member to make success. Since I have been librarian I have completed the following volumes: "Pennsylvania Philatelist," vols. IV., V., VII., VIII., "Philatelic Californian," vols. I., "Silver Dimes," vols. I., II., "Filatelic Facts and Fancies," vol. II.; "Rocky Mountain Stamp," vol. I. The publishers of the following magazines supply me with current numbers of their publications, regularly: "Michigan Philatelist," "Rocky Mountain Stamp," "International Philatelist," "Evergreen State Philatelist," PHILATELIC WEST, "Pennsylvania Philatelist," "Pipestone Philatelist," "Springfield Philatelist," and "Metropolitan Philatelist." This list shows that the publishers of the leading papers throughout the country think we are deserving of their patronage. But as the Bible says, "God helps those who help themselves," we must do some work and put forth some energy to make the N. P. S. library the ... ned by any state society in the United States. At Geo. E. ... of philatelic literature. I ... of magazines for the ... eral volumes and ... spaces. Can not some ... wise? I want to ... member of each member. I wish ... to send me five or ... would ... We have 139 ... send five cents ... complete dozen ... This is not a ... can take. Let ... will do so. I ... as fast as ... ance. Every ... me. Report ... postage ... the money ... dar and I ... owns volumes ... ry. You can ... all complete ...

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Nebraska Notes.

From Omaha Omaha collectors have been inundated with unsolicited approval sheets, eminating from a New York dealer, who continues to to carry on his unbusiness-like methods despite the opposition lately made by our press. We hope he will be "called down" so forcibly some day that he will reform in a hurry.

Mr. E. P. Capen, of Minneapolis, sojourned in Omaha a few days last month.

Mr. S. P. Hughes, of Howe, has disposed of his approval sheet business to a Wisconsin dealer. He intends devoting more time to his collection in the future. Good idea. Approval sheet business doesn't pay, anyway, unless you have unlimited capital, infinite patience, and illimitable time.

A Burt county man was recently taken before Judge Dundy, at Omaha, to answer to the charge of Sending molasses through the mails. He used molasses instead of mucilage to stick a stamp on a letter.

Mr. Wm. C. H. Duensing, of Chicago, recently paid Lincoln and Omaha collectors a visit. He carried with him his usual fine line of varieties.

Mr. C. L. Thurston comes out in a neat, three-color card, announcing his candidacy for the P. S. of A. Exchange Superintendency. Here's good fortune to him!

E. L. PLATZ.

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From Kearney Kearney collectors hope to organize a branch of the P. S. of A. here in the near future. Good idea, but do n't forget our Nebraska Philatelic Society.

A number of two-cent pinks and one-cent light blues, unwatermarked, were sold the other day to a collector of this city at the Elm Creek, Neb., postoffice. An entire sheet of the ones was in the lot, and if I remember rightly, the plate number was 18.

Plate numbers have taken a boom here. All the collectors, from big to little, are pestering the postoffice employes for them.

There remains, at this late date, a few of the 30-cent blacks of the 1890 issue at this postoffice.

Kearney can claim one of the best collections of U. S. in the state. It has almost all of the adhesive stamps; all but three of the envelopes, which are all entire, and nearly all of the newspaper stamps. All of the stamps in this collection are unused. This magnificent collection is the property of Mr. George Frank.

ROBERT RHONE.

From Lincoln Lincoln collectors mourn the loss of another prominent collector, Mr. F. D. Thompson having recently sold his collection. It was very complete in U. S. departments and envelopes, and we regret to see him leave our ranks.

Mr. W. D. Garlock, recently of this city, has removed to Cripple Creek, Colo.

A. L. Shader, a druggist of Lincoln, carries a line of stamps, packets, etc., acting as he agent of the Standard Stamp Co., of St. Louis.

Lincoln collectors, generally, can show a better assortment of U. S. revenues in proportion to the size of their collections than any other town we know of. Prominent among these is the collection of Dr. F. L. Riser, which lacks very few specimens of being complete. We expect to give a short account of how he obtained the bulk of the collection in our next number, and can assure collectors it will prove interesting reading.

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Our Illustration.

MR. FRED B. WOOSTON, of Winside, Neb., whose half-tone portrait is on the cover is one of Nebraska's foremost collectors as well as writers and is one of the members of the Beauregard Information of the N. P. S., and a member of the P. S. of A., L. A. P., etc.

These portraits will be a special feature of this paper hereafter.

Boiled Down.

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE.

Madeira is no longer the name of a Portuguese colony—it is now known as Funchal.

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A large collection of old German states was recently purchased by Stanley Gibbons for $30,000. The same firm recently purchased a collection in Sweden that cost the original owner but $345.

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Collectors in Paris are having an epidemic of thieving. Five or six rogues have been arrested lately, and a vigorous prosecution will ensue.

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It is the business of the mail clerk on ocean steamers to sort all of the letters and other material, making them up in packages for the various cities so that they may be forwarded express by fast trains without delay as quickly as the steamer arrives at New York. By the adoption of this method from two to fourteen hours are saved in New York City and the mail is received at many western and other distant points from two day to a week earlier. Merchants in Chicago and St. Louis are often able to reply to letters from abroad by the same vessel on her return trip. To make the connection between railway and steamship as close as possible outgoing foreign mails at New York are not closed until ten minutes before the time of sailing, and up to the very moment of the ship's departure a mail clerk stands at the gangway with an open pouch in his hand, ready to receive contributions.

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A 10c Baltimore on white paper recently sold for $4,400. This is the largest sum of money ever paid for a single stamp. The present owner believes he could secure $7,000 for it if it was placed on the market

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May we expect a new issue from Persia?

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Franz Mooge, a fraud of the first water, has been arrested in San Francisco for using the mails with intent to defraud. He swindled many dealers, operating under seven Aliases in twenty or more different towns.

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Contrary to a statement made in this column in April, the Belgium 5nday stamps will not be withdrawn; so the postmaster-general of that country states.

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It is said that the designer of the late French stamps labored eight months before getting a satisfactory result.

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MR. C. A. STAGG JR., a collector of note, formerly at Patterson, N. J., is sojourning in Denver.

MR. A. B. WHITMER, our "preacher friend" from Osceola, Nebr., is spending pleasant moments in Ohio.

MR. L. M. ALLISON, formerly of Wood River, Nebr., and also time an officer of the N. P. S. of A., located at Ventura, Calif.

[illegible] appointed as secretary of our society of city poor, has removed to Hot Springs, S. D. He seems to have completely taken up with the notion that he can give philatelic [illegible] at present.

[illegible] went to Georgia several months ago to locate. He now writes [illegible] very much impressed with the country and has come to the conclusion to permanently locate in Crossett.

[illegible], R. E. Wright, is engaged in [illegible] the Black Hills.

[illegible] A. Bonnell, of Lincoln, is now in St. Louis, [illegible] the great show there without [illegible] fatigue.

[illegible] Omaha collector has recently [illegible] the color of the 3c Columbian [illegible] from historical Spanish blue and [illegible] to unsuspecting collectors as [illegible] varieties. At last number [illegible]

[illegible] Secretary of this paper would [illegible] Nebraska collectors who expect to attend the Milwaukee meet next month [illegible] month.

How many members of the Nebraska society will attend the Milwaukee meet, July 3 and 4? If you are going, drop a postal to the president, Roy F. Greene, Lincoln, and arrange [illegible] meeting will be held.

[illegible] members of the P. S. of A., or the A. P. A., and will you attend the meets this year? If not, do Editor Mosher would be pleased to receive your copy for sale or both.

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.....Reminiscenses.

Written for The Philatelic West, by A. W. Fitt, of Portsmouth, Nebraska.

Some where between the years of 1868 and 70 my collection was started in the old country and we had hard work to get stamps then. It was a seaport town, and many foreign vessels came to port, so myself and some other boys used to go from ship to ship and ask the sailors for stamps. Sometimes we got them and sometimes we got kicked out. Another way was to go to the emigration agents who principally had correspondence with the United States and Australia, each boy having his particular hunting ground. In this way a collection of several hundred stamps was made composed chiefly of European countries, Australia, United States, Canada, New Brunswick, etc. These stamps were firmly gummed into a scrap book, a country having a page, or a part of it each. The gum we generally used was made from gum arabic and water when required. I well remember my first "postage stamp album," which was given to me by my father, and the work I had transferring and gumming it again to the new book. We used to clean off the gum from the face of the stamp with a damp cloth, then when a brighter and better perforated specimen was attained it was pasted over the older one. "Oppen's Postage Stamp Album" was the name and it was a collector far more information than in the present style of books. The heading of each country was in large letters and underneath, continent, ruler, date he or she commenced to rule, kind of government, population, chief city and population of same, coinage reduced to English money, complete heraldic description of arms, and flags. Covers were of cloth with spaces for inserting extra leaves. The book contained about 200 pages hard white paper, size about 8½x10½ inches, and all for the small sum of 2s 6d, or 60c. In fact it was more of a book for the so-called advanced collector than a beginner. However one learned more about the countries without being discouraged by the number and varieties of issues.

In 1868 I came to the United States and determined to be the owner of at least one each kind of envelope stamp. So I went to the general postoffice in New York city and made my

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Editorial.

PESSIMISTS, BEWARE!

It has probably occurred to many that there have been an unusual number of changes in philatelic business circles this spring. Many of our papers have suspended publication; a number have changed ownership—some of our most prominent publications coming under the latter class. Several prominent dealers are disposing of their stocks preparatory to withdrawing altogether; a number have changed their location from one city to another, sanguine, perhaps, of a better trade in a new field. Quite a number of collectors have become determined to withdraw from philately, and their collections have been disposed of in auction sales or by other methods. What is the cause of all these changes? A pessimistic friend of ours recently asserted that it was the alarming prospects of philately's rapidly approaching decline that led all these people dispose of their interests in the pursuit. Regarding the matter from a reasonable standpoint, however, we can not think this true. The collectors and dealers we had in mind when the comments at the beginning of this paragraph were written are all men of the highest order of intelligence and good judgment—men to whom the prospects of philately can never have appeared more promising. Editorials and articles have appeared in all of our contemporaries, bearing on "The Future of Philately." Those writers who are fearful that stamp collecting will soon be dead are a very small minority, indeed, and we can truthfully say that they are as a rule people of worthless judgment. Our friend mentioned previously is a pessimist—nothing else prompted him to take such a gloomy view of the outlook. We are not prepared to state just what is causing the unusual number of changes mentioned above, to which our attention was directed by the aforesaid pessimist. Perhaps it is a mere coincidence that they transpired in so short a period. At any rate, we deem the matter of small importance, and not worthy of causing any commotion among collectors.

THE S. S. S. IN GREECE.

The commemoratives of the late Grecian coronation issued by the S. S. S. S. is a very curious proceeding. These are the most artistic stamps philately has seen for a long time. If the portraits portrayed on them are all of which it is reported the world over for their marvelous beauty and perfection. The stamps are going to be withdrawn in a short time, as their reality as postage issue are, but remain on sale for an indefinite period. With these facts in mind, collectors will hardly be disposed to regard the announcement.

Mr. Carnegie is philanthropic in *The Post Office* in regard to the advisable rule of the S. S. S. to issue no more all commemorative issues, regardless of the noble motives connected with the cause of their issuance:

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AN IMPORTANT OFFICE.

In our opinion, there is no office of a society which should be more carefully guarded against allowing an incompetent man to gain position of the exchange superintendency. To properly perform the duties of this office, the incumbent should have unlimited time to the work; should be possessed of good business judgment; should be well versed in counterfeit detecting; and should be noted for his veracity. In the approaching elections of the various societies, where the candidates will be so numerous, collectors should consider well the qualifications of the man before making their choice. An incompetent incumbent in this office can do more harm and cause more trouble than any other office.

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Reminiscenses.

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request politely to the clerk in charge of the window. He was old, crusty and wore spectacles. I was filled with confusion when he told me he had no time to attend to me then, to come in the morning and write a list of what I wanted. The list was made and as I found there were stamps up to 90c concluded I could not get all so went as high as 30c. Next morning I handed in my list and got four 2c, three [illegible], two 5c, three 6c, one 10c, one 15c, one 30c. I went to my room, cut them out to shape and pasted them into the book. Shortly afterward I was located in Michigan, near Detroit, and met several collectors who knew much more about the value of stamps than I did and was soon deprived of nearly all my [illegible] both perforated and imperforate. I ran the imperforated go as the other [illegible] much better in the book. Here I got several [illegible] and transferred all [illegible] and gummed them in [illegible] in Michigan. I collected about [illegible] varieties.

In 1892 I [illegible] and stamps were forgotten and lay at the bottom of my trunk.

In 1893, upon visiting the World's Fair, I [illegible] government building and [illegible] of the exhibiting stamps. The [illegible] remained dormant for [illegible] years or more. I met a collector [illegible] who told me that stamps were for sale in [illegible] Street. After a long search I found the place and bought a packet, went to my room and opened it. I found it full of the [illegible] was disgusted and [illegible] them.

[illegible] a friend sent me a Stanley Gibbons, and then for the first time I learned that stamps had a [illegible] value. The catalogue was a catalogue, and continued search and [illegible] specimens worth [illegible] and [illegible] dealer at half [illegible] they were [illegible] circulation as [illegible] considerable [illegible] and [illegible] worth for $6 [illegible] This was sufficient, so I [illegible] stamps to [illegible] varieties of [illegible]

[illegible] what is [illegible] be when I first started. A boy can with expenditure of from 3 to 5 dollars obtain as many varieties now as it took me ten years to collect. It seems [illegible] that the buying and selling of stamps in such large quantities is making collecting so easy that it looses half its charm and is only a matter of money who has the largest collection.

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President's Address.

The attention of members is called to Sec. I, Art. IV, of our constitution. Nominations should be made for publication in the next number of THE PHILATELIC WEST. Your attention is especially directed to that portion of this article which bears on the method of voting. I hope to see a good vote cast this year, and candidates should best fit themselves to fill the offices.

Mr. Fred B. Woolston will soon present in these columns a new idea which is worthy of consideration. ED H. WILKINSON.

Secretary's Report.

New Members.

135. Verne Rice, 2534 Decatur St., Omaha.
136. F. L. Shepard, Nebraska City.

Nominations.

The following nominations have been sent in for officers at coming election:

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Send in your nominations as per President's Notice. Only paid up members count.

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Prof. Philatelicus' Black List.

We understand that a [illegible] of the present issue of U. S. stamps have been [illegible] by another [illegible] paper. It is reported [illegible] a lithographic printing [illegible] unlike any of the regular issue.

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ODDS AND ENDS, OTHERWISE.

A daily paper says: "Paul Bourget's dispute with the publishers has had the effect of stirring up one of the French Deputies to propose a bill to compel publishers to place a one centime stamp on each copy of every book they print."

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At a meeting of the City of London Philatelic Club held on April 29th last, a discussion took place on the subject of "English Stamps Read Abroad." The object being to decide whether the *watermarks* of a stamp, strictly speaking, is affected by the postmark it bears. The question was put to the meeting, and the votes of those present voted,- nine in the negative and six in the affirmative. A resolution was passed to this effect, as follows: "That although the Chairman's decision that a post mark does not affect the nationality of a postage stamp, the Editor of English stamps used abroad is regarded as full of interest for philatelists."

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Governments do not issue stamps so rapidly, as witness a souvenir of one sent in prison in San Francisco AD 1856(?).

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Mr. F. T. Sheppard, of Nebraska City, wishes information in regards to part perforated 2c. Government stamps. He has a one cent Treasury that has been separated from the 2c. stamp merely by cutting. It has good margins showing a part of the adjoining stamp on the side.

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The Olympian games are to be held every four years, in different cities of Europe. Are we to expect a commemorative issue each time? Perhaps the experience of Greece will cool her ardor in this business.

Our Illustration.

Our illustration this month is of Nebraska's leading philatelist, Clarence L. Thurston, of Omaha, son of Senator Thurston. He is publisher of *The Philatelic Nebraskan* and a writer for a large number of philatelic papers, and is a member of all America's leading stamp societies, and is a candidate for secretary of the N. P. S. being the only candidate and has a sure thing, and for exchange sets and medal of the world's largest stamp society, the P. [illegible] of A.

We expect to give pictures of his collection in this number but to date has not been received.

To The Members of the N. P. S.

We now have a very good society. In some ways it is one far surpassed by the local societies of the large cities. But there is one way in which I think we can improve very much.

We are all aware that we can learn a great deal about a stamp, from its paper, from its perforations, from its color, from its watermark, and a great deal that has been written about the stamp to read. Unfortunately, but few of us have the opportunity of examining a large number of copies of a stamp and reading much that has been written about the stamp to date. We miss much of the information that is contained in the stamp papers, because it is not noticed. The greater part of the interest of the philatelic papers is devoted to articles and letters from subscribers about their collections.

My plan is for each member of the society, as much as possible in the present month, to read as much as possible about the stamps of [illegible] have quite a few stamps and papers on the subject and I am sure that we could get a lot more value out of reading.

[illegible] stamps which [illegible] I have the one stamp to [illegible]

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WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH SEEBECK?

Collectors may rejoice over the recently announced statement of Mr. Seebeck, wherein he states that he is willing to do what he can to induce countries with which he has made contracts, to accept a sufficient quantity of the issue of 1897 to last during the period covered by the contract, this in lieu of a yearly issue. Prominent dealers have agreed that if any of these governments with which Mr. Seebeck had contracts should try to continue the yearly issues they will refuse to handle these stamps after they have become obsolete and declared useless for postage. All honor to Mr. Seebeck. He was, as we always contended, honorable and fair in his stamp dealings, and only followed his business judgment with which, from a business standpoint, was nothing wrong. His spirit of fairness is evinced in his readiness to discontinue his contracts.

AHEAD OF TIME.

We are always early, but this month we are a trifle earlier than usual, this being caused by our Business Manager's anxiety to get this number out before the conventions are held, as he will be there in all his glory. Ye Editor must remain at home this year, but requests all his numerous friends who are not going and who want a good man to care for their interests to send their proxies to Mr. Brodstone.

OMAHA IN '98!

Western collectors are asking that the P. S. of A. convention in 1898 be held in Omaha. They think that it would be the proper place, as a second World's Fair will be held then, railroad rates will be low, and a good attendance would be assured. Make out your proxy blanks in favor of Mr. Brodstone, and he will use your vote to the best advantage to this end.

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A copy of the Texas Philatelic Directory has been received. A very neat and handy little book, indeed. Also the Michigan Hand Book by W. H. Kessler Jr., of Detroit, Mich., and Cat. of Plate No.,by J. M. Bartels & Co., of Washington, D. C.. Every collector and dealer should have these. Write the publishers for further particulars.

Here is an incongruity for you. *The Philatelic Advertiser* is the name of a paper that is principally reading matter and few advertisements; in *The Evergreen State Philatelist* the advertisements constitute the greater portion of its contents.

The P.S. of A. convention can say whether or no the voting of this society is to be cumulative. Say no, and avoid the past and probable future troubles of the A. P. A.

If you don't see what you want in this paper write it yourself.

Skip it! If you see anything you don't like in this paper.

Kansas Items.

By Roy Farrell Green.

The West is the scene of activity in stamp circles this year. A prominent eastern dealer in a personal letter regarding the stamp trade informs me that if it was not for western orders he might just as well dismiss his several clerks and close up shop. The West is called upon to maintain the standard of philatelic progress and never forsakes its trust. How is the West to be rewarded this year in the matter of votes in the society elections?

Fred W. Potter, of Peabody, who has just finished the school year at Emporia college will enter Princeton this fall. Fred's father is one of the leading candidates for the republican nomination as governor of Kansas this fall.

T. C. Gooch, one of the state's energetic young collectors and correspondent for several philatelic papers, has taken up his residence in Chicago. The Sunflower boys miss him very much.

Several of the lower values in the Columbian set are still on sale in Kansas offices. The eight-cent denomination being more in evidence than any others. Should anyone wish to buy for collection or speculation, your correspondent will see after the matter if communicated with.

Topeka, our capital city, reports an accession to the ranks of over forty active collectors within the past year. Wichita and Emporia likewise have progressed and all over the state collectors are making themselves known each day. If the incoming officers of the P. S. of A., to be elected in August, will appoint a recruit committee in this state probably no less than one hundred new names may be added to the rolls.

Perhaps 'tis a hobby of mine, but so far I have heard no objections to its feasibility, it has seemed to me that the appointment of recruit committees consisting of each state's most active members would be a policy that the P. S. of A. could well inaugurate. Should one committee get hold of some collector in another state who would be likely to join, the name could be referred to the proper state committee. Each state would work its own territory, and the various committees could be in perfect harmony aiding each other.

Miss Lulu A. Thorpe, of Eldorado, a prominent P. S. of A. member in Kansas, recently graduated from the college of music in that city. She will continue the course, probably in the East.

C. R. Chenoworth, of Leon, who is one of the relief operators on the St. L. & S. F. telegraph system, after holding the key some weeks in the Arkansas City office is back again in his old place at Leon.

It is likely that Kansas will be represented by one or two members at the society conventions this year. Treat 'em nicely, for the Kansas boys are "the salt of the earth."

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CLARENCE L. THURSTON,
2408 Farnam St., Omaha, Neb.
References: Philatelic West.

Omaha Notes.

By Wm. B. Hopson.

A traveling man with headquarters in Omaha recently secured over $12 worth of the new newspaper stamps from the postmaster of a small place in which he was stopping. The lot contained a assortment of fifty of each of the 1c and 2c values, the rest being 5c and 10c stamps. He would not tell the name of the place where he bought them.

Mr. [illegible] Wheeler, a candidate for Assistant Superintendent of the P. S. of A. in the coming session, has just graduated from the Omaha High School with honors. He is [illegible] by his articles about [illegible] in the philatelic [illegible] is reported to issue a paper [illegible] from Bonanza, Nebraska.

[illegible] has purchased a complete [illegible] and is now looking over [illegible] from which he has [illegible] a nice collection. A one-collector would be appreciated.

[illegible] Neb., stopped off in Omaha on his way home [illegible] He met with the usual business [illegible] and left with a nice lot of the three [illegible] in the store of Place & Zahn. There [illegible] but [illegible] there was not enough customers in the place.

[illegible] successful crusty & Hopkinson in the same business started by [illegible] Mr. Hopkinson is a hustler and [illegible]

The Omaha Philatelic Society now has an enrolled [illegible] members and is the [illegible] and most active stamp society in [illegible] Many [illegible] Nebraska collectors [illegible]

[illegible] Mr. [illegible] Meyer, one of Omaha's [illegible] across an old collection of stamps [illegible] Grin Island, Nebraska, [illegible] He had them catalogued and was [illegible] and delighted to find that they were worth over $200. He is ordering a set of [illegible] issues of the [illegible]

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Our Illustration.

This month we present Frank T. Shepard of Nebraska City. He is president of the Nebraska City Philatelic Society, a member of N. P. S., P. S. of A., etc. He is an enthusiastic stamp and philatelic literature collector and has a fine collection of both, most of his dealings being carried on by exchange. He has the finest collection of tags west of the Missouri river, comprising over 2,000 varieties. He is a candidate for librarian of the N. P. S., and will attend the convention.

Nebraska's First Philatelic Convention.

THE first philatelic convention of the Nebraska Philatelic League as the society was then known—was held in Lincoln during the state fair of 1892, and was a howling success, as far as it went. I was president at the time and Geo. A. Miller, of Cambridge, Miller has since gone to California was the secretary, and after considerable correspondence between us we decided to call the convention at the state fair as everybody said they would be at the fair and would make it a point to be there on the days I had set. As I had never met a collector in my life outside of Fremont, I was very anxious to be there and in order to be able to identify my brother philatelists I had some blue silk badges printed and sent them out to the members who had signified their intention of being on hand. Mr. Wilkinson had just moved to Lincoln from Broken Bow and he was the reception committee. He named the Capital hotel as the meeting place and stipulated that all were to wear their badges.

Well, the eventful day came, and with it I hied myself to Lincoln with my pockets full of duplicates and my little blue badge fluttering in the most beautiful autumn breeze that Nebraska could produce. I thought to myself "what a time I will have with the boys." My first annual address was diligently studied and upon my arrival I had expected to be received with a brass band and usual accompaniments but nary a one showed up. My spirits dropped. Here I was a stranger in a strange city; the country folk gazing at my bit of blue ribbon, and not another in sight.

I was hustled off to an omnibus by a meek-eyed hotel runner and taken to the Capital hotel where I expected to see the "boys." After registering and telling the clerk all about my badge and what it was for I took a seat in the hotel office and waited for somebody to show up. Dinner time came and no one on deck. Was I to be the whole thing? After dinner and another long and painful wait I went out to the fair grounds and saw the fair, and tried to improve the time that hung so heavily on my hands. I didn't come to see the turnips and cows, nor the cabbage and binder twine men. I came to see stamps and stamp men; but I was doomed to disappointment. I was the only one at the convention. And so it ended. I had done my duty and the other fellows had failed. Such is life!

The next year it was held in Omaha with better success.

I will tell you about that next time.

ED. BEE.

Boiled Down.

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE.

OHIO wants a philatelic society. Some more collectors seeking for glory. The never ceasing hustle for office still goes on.

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Philatelic "club-houses," rooms where auction sales can be held and exchanging done is the latest. No reason why such a venture should prove unsuccessful in our large cities.

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H. R. H., the Duke of York, has been elected

president of the London Philatelic Society.

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English collectors are inclined to scoff at the recently published agreement between Mr. Seebeck and the dealers of the U. S.

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Mr. C. J. Phillips, a well-known English collector, had an experience during his recent European trip that is worthy of mention. When crossing the Russian frontier, his baggage was opened by the customs officials, and four albums chock full of Russian locals were discovered. The inspectors looked stern for a moment, but one of them turned out to be a collector himself, and the matter was adjusted without further trouble.

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A collector in British Guiana recently purchased a unused pair of the two-cent rose, and sent them to this country from a friend who received them from one of the missionaries as an "Easter offering." As the stamps were worth hundreds of dollars, it was a generous offering.

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The Lincoln Memorials have become a drug on the market since the "Anti-Socleca" movement was launched and in an endeavor to increase the sales a few specialists of the issues remainders were sent back to Nicaragua to be overprinted and returned, the dealers handling them expecting a lively sale of "postage and revenue stamps."

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The Cuban A stamps were intended for use only within the city of Havana.

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Having outrun interest in commemorative issues for the International Exposition, held at Brussels in 1897, the Belgian authorities look forward to the next one to be held in 1900, and have decided upon the issue of a series of stamps for that occasion.

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The members of the London Philatelic Society, in the process of Americanizing their methods, have decided to hold their dues at the present figure. We believe, however, that the English collectors will be quite more than quantity—integrity and a few being preferred to doubtfulness and many.

Roy F. Greene is the popular candidate for the P. S. of A. presidency.

The Approval Sheet.

THE approval sheet should be laid on the shelf. Such is the opinion of the writer, be it worth much or little. You ask why. A few of the many reasons may be briefly enumerated here:

Firstly, it requires time and time is money, says the sage and no little labor to prepare approval sheets for the market. To be properly presented, they should be mounted with hinges. The cost of hinges is insignificant, but the time consumed in adjusting them is no small matter.

Secondly, approval sheets often fall into the hands of bad company and are led off into evil ways. At least we surmise that such a fate overtakes them, as they never return to tell of their wanderings. To stop the rounds of the sheet would be to deprive the stamp fraud of the privilege of "increasing his store" at the expense of others, and the sooner this can be done the better. This philatelic paradise has surely lived long enough. The relegation of the approval sheet will be striking him a deserved blow. The honest collector could hardly object to this procedure, so long as stamps could be obtainable through packets or price-lists.

Thirdly, the approval sheet has often had a deleterious effect. A youthful collector receives a sheet and is immediately fascinated with the appearance of the stamps. He has not the money to buy, but have the stamps he must. Accordingly he stores them away, and resolves to remain "mum" ever afterwards. He has stolen the "penny in his youth," and now we may expect him "to steal a pound in his manhood." The voice of his guardian angel has ceased to be a factor in his life, and he drifts on from "bad to worse," until he has reached the realm where "hope is a stranger and mercy never comes." Other reasons could be given but space forbids.—*Stamp Lover.*

NOTE: The above was written by a dealer. Perhaps collectors disagree with him on this subject. If any collector looks at the matter from a different standpoint, we would like to hear from him. - ED.

VOTE FOR GREENE AND PROSPERITY.

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President's Address.

As stated last month, our convention will be held Sept. 1. This day was selected as the best day of the week for our purposes. Members will have to forego seeing the sights for a time, but as the meeting will be held in the evening, this can be done without much sacrifice. Mr. F. S. Parmelee has kindly invited the society to hold the convention in his store, and we have accepted his offier. It is centrally located on Farnam street, and can be readily found.

Remember the place, Parmelee's gun store; the date, Sept. 1; time, 8 p. m. 1316 Farnam St.

ED H. WILKINSON.

Secretary's Report.

A copy of this paper is sent to every member of the N. P. S., and to every collector in Nebraska whose name we have. All are cordially invited to attend our 5th annual convention at Omaha, Sept. 1st. Every member is requested to vote. Written ballots and proxies can be made. Only the votes of members whose dues are paid count. Look at your membership card and if you are in arrears send dues with ballot and it will be counted. Ballots to be received at Box 860, Omaha, on or before the last day of August; envelope to have "ballot" marked on outside. All Nebraska collectors are invited to join the society. Send to the secretary for application blanks and particulars. A fine badge will be given to all present and we expect to have photo taken of all who attend. Exchange of stamps, etc.

Hoping to see you all at the convention, I am yours respectfully,

L. T. BRODSTONE,
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New Members.

137. Chas. S. Einsel, Holdrege.

Applications.

138. Rev. O. Kloeckner, Syracuse; reference Rev. H. Wendt.

Nominations.

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HURRAH for Bryan and vote for McKinley

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Editorial.

ILLUMINATED "Nebraska's First Philatelic Convention," in this number, is a true to life description of the Nebraska Philatelic Society's first convention. The author has seemed to hide his identity under a [illegible] but to those who attended the convention very forcibly. We were on [illegible] properly. I was the [illegible] committee. After choosing the headquarters I [illegible] experienced many of the same feelings of anxiety and wonderment as my friend, "Ed. Bee." Suffice it to say, I wandered around the city and fair grounds, with frequent visits to the hotel where visiting collectors were expected to stop, day and evening, and never once got a glimpse of one of those blue badges, one of which I proudly pinned to my coat in the morning, and sorrowfully removed in the evening. But let bygones be bye-gones. Since that memorable day, our society has prospered, and a convention now means something—a period of unalloyed delight to all who attend.

We expect to publish more reminiscenses from "Ed. Bee" in the future.

FRIENDLY ADVICE. Others are influenced by our own actions. Collect Seebecks or other speculative issues, that should be regarded with disdain by all, and the young man friend of yours will follow in your footsteps. Perhaps he may set an example that a young friend of his may follow. Thus are the Seebeck and speculative issues made popular—one collector allows them to repose in his album; another, who, perchance, may have previously regarded them with disfavor, looks over the pages of the album, sees there a choice selection of these stamps, and concludes that if this man collects them, he intends to do so.

How many collectors have been made by other collectors? *Made*, in the fullest sense of the word. My friend, let it be *your* aim to influence other collectors as you would yourself wish to be influenced—in the manner that your best judgment commends as proper.

PARDONABLE PRIDE. Enjoying a personal acquintance with the Democratic nominee for president, Hon. William Jennings Bryan, and being on "speaking terms" with Rev. C. E. Bentley, the National party candidate for this high office, we must be par

doned (we are a tribe dignified this month. We have thought of introducing Mr. Bryan into philatelic politics, where he could no doubt learn much that would be of benefit to him in his own campaign. We doubt, however, if he would approve of the slander and vituperation that is appearing in the columns of some of our publications. It is to be deplored that such methods as those employed by the political swindler and black-mailer have entered into our fair philatelic domain. God speed the day when we shall feel assured such practices are no longer resorted to.

CENTENNIAL'S NEW ISSUE

We have received a set of the new Argentine Republic emission, issued in commemoration of the 86th anniversary of the county's independence. There are eleven varieties of envelopes, wrappers, postal cards and letter cards. They are about as complete an outfit as we have seen. A commemorative issue usually consists of specimens that are more attractive than ordinary—these are almost just the reverse. Perhaps they will "make" for that reason. We have known collectors who regarded hideous nightmare-producing issues from Afghanistan as beautiful, so far did their zeal and enthusiasm carry them.

NEBRASKA collectors should lay their plans to be present at the convention of the Nebraska Philatelic Society this fall. It is held during the state fair, and, occuring in the evening will not interfere with your attending the fair during the day. Little routine business is ever gone through with, the counting of the ballots being the principal business of the evening, so any fear of tediousness may be brushed away. Come and get acquainted with your brother Nebraskans.

THE half-tone cut of Mr. F. T. Shepard, which adorns our cover, was made by Shepard Bros., of Nebraska City. If you are in need of any of this kind of work, we can recommend them.

THIS number will probably reach our readers long before it is due. This is done to allow the proprietors to take their vacations without interfering with a feature of the paper—always appearing on time.

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ALL Nebraska collectors who expect to attend the conventions of Minneapolis should write to our Business Manager, Mr. L. F. Brodstone. He has the matter of badges in charge, and all going want to wear Nebraska decorations and "whoop 'er up" for Omaha for '98 conventions. See all that are worth. "The early bird catches the worm," you know, and we launch the theme in plenty of time.

A vote for Roy Farrel Greene is a vote for the future welfare of the P. S. of A.

LET US DISCRIMINATE.

Stamp collectors all over the country, in their efforts to secure new members for their favorite society or societies, are making no pretense of ascertaining whether or no their candidates are reputable and worthy of membership. They are so desirous of seeing a rapidly growing membership list that they will go to almost any length to accomplish this. Some try to win prizes that are often offered for the largest number of members sent in during a certain time. Application blanks are sent to collectors whose names are obtained from the columns of some stamp or amateur paper or some other unreliable source, the sender signing his name as references, and requesting the party to join, and in many fine cases out of one hundred names is known of him whatever. He may be a wooly sheep going under a nom de-plume, or, perchance, openly using his own cognomen, trusting to the collectors ignorance or neglect to examine into his antecedents. He who accepts a new member assumes considerable responsibility, it being understood that the member knows something about the applicant he vouches for.

One of the fundamental principles of every living society is to admit no one who is not trustworthy and reputable. Members are supposed to give some attention to this, and not send in the application of anyone who may be willing to join, regardless of whether he is known or not, and yet we believe it to be a fact that a large majority of our society members upon receipt of this, standing ready to act as sponsor for anyone who requests them to do so or whom they have asked to join. With this fact staring us in the face, we must certainly admit that a collector's honesty can not be expected [illegible] he belongs to a society.

A few years ago all a dealer required [illegible] reference was his society [illegible] Happily this rule now [illegible]

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FELICITIOUS.

Mr. E. R. Holmes, a well-known collector of Lincoln, was married July 22 to Miss Kittie Shackleton, of Indianola, Neb. After the ceremony the happy couple departed for Colorado. Mr. Holmes' friends in both philatelic and business circles hold him in high esteem for his many sterling qualities, and all join in wishing him many long years of happy and prosperous married life.

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It will pay all our readers who are cyclists to read the ad of the *Western Cyclist*, which appears in this issue. It is the oldest cycle paper in Nebraska and leads all U. S. papers. Send for a copy.

A vote for Roy Farrel Greene is a vote for the future welfare of the P. S. of A.



Prof. Philatelicus' Black List.

RUSSIAN LEVANT.

The 1 Kop stamp, surcharge 40 Paras, chronicled last month turns out to be a forgery palmed off upon the philatelic world by an employee of the Russian Levant Company.—Phil. Calif.

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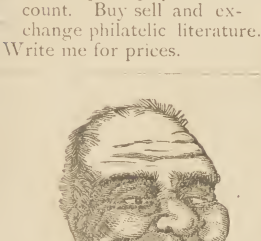


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1875 30c	fine	.30
" 90c	good	.60
1882 10c	new, original gum	.15
1893 1c	new, no gum	.02
" 30c	new, no gum	.15
" 50c	new, no gum	.30
" 1c, 2c, 4c, 5c, 10c	new, no gum	.05
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P. S. of A. Convention, Minnetonka, August, 1896.

ANOTHER twelve-month span has run,
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Its records finished, honors won,
Its friendships fostered through the days,
That still untarnished brightly shine,
And linger on, through twilight grays,
Our sweetest gifts, oh Master mine!

We meet again, our social band,
To frame the new year's purpose true
Outline the tasks we mean to do,
That hope shall sound to all the land
Where Philatelia's subjects reign.
With counsel wise and vision clear
The records ope, without a stain,
To write, thereon the newer years.

We thank the fates for light and life
That moves us forward day by day
That crowns our loyal P. S. of A.,
And frees our band from worldly strife,
That still protects from envy's blight,
That sees each cloud above us clear,
That makes us stronger for the fight
For glad success the coming year.



With tears for brothers, kind and true,
That, since we met one year ago,
Have bade farewell to earthly woe,
And thankful we that these were few.
We bless the fates for fortune's smile,
For hands that guided day by day
In wisdom, freed from guilt and guile,
The chosen band—P. S. of A.

We ask no more in years to come
Than guidance through the mist and mire
Of future paths. May after days
Make clear the ways we needs must shun.
May health, and wealth, and honor, bless
Our every brother true, and may
The winds of peace each fold caress
Our flag inscribed, "P. S. of A."

—Roy Farrell Greene.

Personal Remarks.

Since the "American Collector," a new paper under an old name, in its initial issue has seen fit to editorially cast reflections upon me, personally, in connection with the Sons of Philadelphia library which was placed in my charge in 1892 as official custodonian, and which since that time has remained in my possession I have a few remorks to make In 1893 I saw fit to resign my membership ac well as my office of librarian in the society which was then under a cloud of disgrace and my resignation was treated with indifference (bistrospect, in that it was duly acknowledged After a time, however, a new librarian was commissioned in some way and demands were made for the library in my possession One mail would bring a letter from some self-constituted leader of the society telling me to give up the library, the next mail a letter from some other telling me to keep it until the tangled society s affairs were in shape again This went on and on, orders made and countermanded, until at last I was ordered by Lewis M. Long to hold the library until further orders from him as the society owed him money and expected to take the library in settlement These are the facts I am relying The library is still in my possession in good condition, ready for shipment to whomever has the right to receive it, and I shall be only too glad to get the books and papers off my hands as soon as the society gets over its two little strifes, settles its bills outstanding and clears me from any future difficulty in connection therewith. Any attempt to cast a slur at me in connection with the affair I resent as unwarranted and unreasonable.

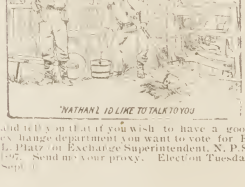
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The P. S. of A. convention for '97 should, I believe, go east. The exact location the eastern members should agree on among themselves. The west should have the '98 convention at Omaha during the big exposition in that city since there can be a larger attendance at that time and place than in any other city that could be mentioned. Everyone should vote for an eastern convention seat for 1897 and remember that according to the rule of alternating between East and West that we shall ask the 1898 "meet" for Omaha.

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Convention time is here and let us hope that all differences of opinion may be settled by wise counsel and that the new year may open auspiciously and bright. Let us all work harder for the welfare of our society in the coming months than we have worked before.

ROY FARRELL GREENE.



and tell you that if you wish to have a good exchange department you want to vote for E. E. Platz for Exchange Superintendent, N. P. S. 1897. Send me your proxy. Election Tuesday Sept. 7.

A Philatelic Crash.

Will there be a philatelic crash?" is the question in the minds of many philatelists at present. Various stamp publications occasionally refer to "the downfall of our hobby." But the question to be answered is "will there be a crash?" To this we answer most assuredly NO! Not so long as we philatelists cling together and work in the interests of philately.

That no crash is imminent can be assured by the steady growth of our societies and ranks in general, by the success of so many stamp journals and dealers and also by the manifest joy which one derives from his stamps.

Many collectors declare that the rapidly increasing number of varieties of postage stamps, taken together with the fast increase in catalogue prices will tend much to cause a downfall to our Philatelic Empire.

But such is not the opinion of the writer. Is there not a recourse from these obstacles? Yes; in specialism. No crash crash can ever come upon such a strongly built empire as philately's. Scarcely a half century old and she has tens of thousands of ardent contingents. And each succeeding year sees the addition of hundreds, yes, thousands of new recruits to her already replete ranks of followers. How can such a thing as a crash which some pessimistic writers predict happen to our thriving Philately? Be not afraid of such a downfall for such can never, according to present indications, occur; and the sooner a few pessimists cease predicting a crash, the better it will be for the good of philately.

E. B. Horn, Jr.

Commemorative Issues.

I may be regarded as a "crank," but I really look upon and collect all commemorative issues with delight. I have my reasons, certainly, and believe they are reasonable and good.

No one will combat the statement that, as a rule, a commemorative issue is a work of art, far surpassing the ordinary stamps. The designs are usually selected from drawings submitted to a committee by the best artists in the world. The stamps are engraved in strict accordance with the design, something that can not always be affirmed of the ordinary issue. The printing is done in the best possible manner, another fact not always apparent in ordinary issues. Of course the arguments above will not apply to all commemorative issues, but I think it safe to say that nine-tenths of them surpass the ordinary issues in design and printing. Of course there is a reason for this, and one which I am sorry to admit. The country making an issue of this sort usually expects to make a considerable profit from the sales to collectors. In order to realise this expectation no pains are spared to have the stamps as perfect as possible.

A commemorative issue is issued to "commemorate" some important event in a nation's history, and this is my one great reason for collecting them. By purchasing them as they appear, I soon have in my album as neat a history of great events in history as could be attained in any way, being instructive and interesting at once. By adding to my commemorative issues sets like the U. S. 1898 issue, which portrays important events in a nation's history, one can

not come under the head of a special or commemorative issue, and placing them in a blank album which I have had prepared for this purpose, I have a historical collection that for novelty, instructiveness, beauty and general interest cannot be surpassed.

I do not wish to be understood as championing the cause of such issues as those of the Seebeck type. They are not worthy of the consideration of any collector. But issues issued in commemoration of some event in a nation's history worthy of notice are deserving of being collected, to my notion, because of the few reasons presented in this article. And as such, I shall continue to collect them, keeping my "historical album" up-to-date.

J. A. JAMESELL.

The S. S. S. S. Correct.

Since our last month's criticism of the ban the S. S. S. S. has placed on the Olympian stamps of Greece, we have been shown correspondence and had other evidence submitted that show conclusively that this issue is purely speculative—issued to fleece the stamp collector. We had entertained an opinion that the extension of the period during which the stamps would be sold in place of the regular issue was good evidence that the issue was not speculative, although it was commemorative, and as we have no objections to make against a series of stamps not issued for the sole purpose of gaining revenue from collectors, we felt called upon to remark that the S. S. S. S. was wrong. But it has subsequently appeared that the decree placing them on sale until October was made because of the fact that collectors and dealers have regarded the ruling of the S. S. S. S. and refrained from purchasing any considerable quantity the stamps thus disappointing the Greecian government, which undoubtedly expected collectors to invest heavily in the set, and making it necessary to continue their sale in order to realize a larger sum to assist in defraying the expenses of the Olympian games. A statement made by the president of the Athens Philatelic Club, published in the "American Journal of Philately" some time ago certainly admits the series is speculative, although he is endeavoring to show that it is not. He says:

"The Helenic government has not, like some other states, proceeded to issue these stamps as a speculation, but to help the commission of the Olympian games, which had to go to considerable expense."

The stamps are beautiful and interesting, but collectors who wish to regard principle have and will refuse to purchase them. Every issue that is boycotted means that we are drawing that much nearer to the time when the governments of the world will recognize the fact that stamp collectors are not all "suckers," by any means.

The fact that the sale of the Olympian set was greatly hurt by the ban placed upon it by the S. S. S. S., and there is no doubt but what this was what caused dealers and collectors to boycott the issue so generally, shows that this society has an influence not to be despised. Although many of their decisions may appear unjust, we believe that after a careful examination of the facts in each case is made, it will be admitted that their action was correct.

THE EDITOR.

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Our Illustration.

Will L. Hendricks, of 1711 Leavenworth street, Omaha, is one of the city's leading collectors and has the finest line of U. S. Revenues and coins in the city. He is one of the early members of the N. P. S., and is a member of the P. S. of A, A. P. A., etc. He is also on the committee to help secure the stamp conventions for Omaha in 1898.

His specialty is U. S., which he now has complete and is now engaged in making a duplicate of same.

Mr. Hendricks is night clerk at the popular Paxton hotel and is always glad to meet collectors.

BOILED DOWN.

Original and Otherwise.

The current 8c stamp of Seychelles Islands surcharged 4c is intended for inland revenue purposes.

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The S. S. S. S has reached its first birthday. May it see few more—for with no work to do its existance would be unnecessary.

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Africa is making itself heard in philatelic affairs—new issues galore have came out or been announced in the last few months. Seebeck turned out his products annually—African countries go a step farther and endeavor to give us monthly outputs.

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He who collects the most may not necessarily collect the best. Quality is preferable to quantity; intelligent, zealous collecting is preferable to the opposite.

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Intelligent collectors make philately more respected by onlookers. But the aforesaid intelligent collectors must not hide their light under a measure—let the world know that you, and, incidentally, stamp collecting are living, and here to stay.

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'Tis said that stamp collecting and clocks differ in this particular. The latter serves to point out the hours; the former to cause us to forget them.

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That well-worn expression that used to be printed on every approval sheet and in every circular—"all stamps guaranteed genuine"—is being relegated to the rear—where it properly belongs. A dealer of repute is expected and usually does handle only genuine stamps, and such assertions as the above are superfluous. Even with this guarantee before them most collectors are wary, and view a specimen of doubtful appearance with disfavor, the "guaranteed" being deemed of small import.

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The U. S. stamps in the Tapling collection are reported on display in the British Museum.

President's Address.

We have a society, fellow members, of which we should be proud. We can congratulate ourselves that we live in Nebraska.

Was there ever any other society that brought out 50 per cent of its members to a convention?

I appoint as the Bureau of information Messrs Whitmer, Rhone and Frank Brown.

In compliance with the resolution of Mr. Thurston I appoint as a committee on securing the '98 conventions, Messrs Wilkinson, Hendricks, Parmelee, Brodstone and R. L. Shepard. Every member of the society, and particularly those who are members of other societies or are connected in any way with the philatelic press, must consider themselves aids to this committee. Omaha certainly should have the meets in 1898, but we can not get them unless we work.

Thanking you for electing me president of your society, I am,

Yours truly,

FRED B. WOOLSTON.

Secretary's Report.

NEW MEMBERS.

166. Rev. O Klockner, Syracuse, Neb.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

139. P. Jamison, 28th and Blondo St Omaha.

140. F. Baliman, 28th and Blondo St. Omaha, reference C. R. Ryburn.

141. N. B. Wilkins, box 575, Omaha, reference E. L. Platz.

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Those who have stamps to sell will find a ready sale through this department. The rarer the stamps the better. No rubbish will be allowed to circulate. The price of blank books is five cents each and hold 80 to 100 stamps. The membership of our society is now nearly twice as large as any other state society, and by receiving the hearty co-operation of all members I intend to push the exchange department far ahead of where it now is, and until it stands at the head of any state society in existence. Trusting that I may give satisfaction and receive the support of all, I remain, Respectfully,

S. P. HUGHES.

OUR FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Condensed Sketch of the Proceedings.

The Nebraska Philatelic Society's fifth annual convention was called to order at 9:15 p. m. by the president, Ed. H. Wilkinson.

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GATHERING OF THE CLANS.

RESULTS OF THE VARIOUS ELECTIONS.

Harmony and Peace Prevail Throughout the Conventions.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year by the leading societies:

AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

President, F. F. Olney; secretary, Jno P. Beard; assistant secretary, H. B. Phillips; treasurer, W. M. Chandler; international secretary, E. Doeblin; superintendent of purchasing, sales, and exchange, G. D. Mekeel; vice presidents and trustees, J. L. Hilton, W. C. Van Derlip, W. L. Toppin.

PHILATELIC SONS OF AMERICA.

President, O. K. Carstarphen; vice-president, R. W. Ashcroft; secretary, Chas. Bramish; treasurer C. W. Kissinger; international secretary, I. E. Patterson; vice president for Canada, C. L. Huntington; exchange supt., H. E. Buchman; eastern exchange supt., J. B. Hudleigh; Canadian exchange supt., W. H. Hall; auction manager, H. G. Crowell; purchasing agent, Leon G. Lambert; advertising and subscription agent, L. T. Brodstone N. Y. auction agent, S. H. Helmberger; Chicago auction agent, C. E. Severn; librarian, A. L. Becker; counterfeit detector, S. B. Hopkins; attorney, G. H. Katzenberger; official editor, F. B. Woolston; trustees, J. H. Markius, B. H. Henderson, G. M. Shiller.

SONS OF PHILATELY.

President, B. P. Thomas; vice-president J. E. Zahn; secretary, R. W. Miller; treasurer, P. S. Messer; international secretary, R. J. Russell; librarian, F. W. Townley; superintendent of sales, C. E. Shaw; auction manager, F. L. Kendall; purchasing agent, L. G. Lambert; counterfeit detector, F. Noyes; attorney, J. A. Wainwright; trustees H. A. Parks, W. F. Ward, H. F. Dunrhorst.

NOTES.

Atlantic City is the choice of the conventions for next year's meet.

Omaha is the choice of all for the 1898 meet.

Nebraska men fared well in the run for offices. L. Brodstone and F. B. Woolston, both got three.

Thurston made a gallant fight. He made many new friends by his clean, enthusiastic campaign.

C. W. Kissinger's withdrawal from the A. P. A. election was a great surprise. The motive assigned to him for the move are various. His enemies [illegible] a [illegible] element of fear. His friends declare [illegible]

Capitalize voting next [illegible]

The expulsions this year were more numerous than [illegible]

The P. S. of A. has fewer members than the A. P. A. [illegible] but it [illegible]

George Carson was nearly unanimously rejected from the A. P. A. The same man has [illegible] a vacancy exists [illegible] to [illegible] the S. of P.

The Nebraska Philatelic Society leads all in number of members. We always do and always will.

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THE PHILATELIC NEBRASKAN has not materialized yet. Has someone versed in the trials and tribulations of the philatelic publisher inserted a bee into the bonnet of the would be publisher?

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PHILATELIC politics this season were characterized by their unusual fierceness. Disappointed and, perchance, disgruntled, candidates are numerous. But let all such regard their defeats without malice, accepting them as due to circumstances, (or something else just as consoling), remembering that philately still lives and is prosperous

and will continue to move along just as before. "Get into the band wagon" and give your attention to the all absorbing topic of the day—the young collector.

You have been a subscriber to the ——— Philatelist for several years? Yes, it is a first class paper, but why not make a change? Do not follow the policy of one publication too closely—it may lead you into ruts. Subscribe for some other paper that is just as good and be benefitted by the change. Keep up your old subscription by all means if your purse allows, but an occasional change will do you good. The perusal of the same paper after month for a number of years will tend to cause its contents to become just a wee bit dry. Pick out a different one occasionally, when your subscription to an old visitor expires, and if your choice is up to the standard you will not regret the change.

What is witnessed every fall—the renewed activity and zeal of collectors is now beginning. The discussion of the causes are left until the spring and summer, when such topics are more relevant. What is now to be noticed is that The Philatelic West desires its friends and dealers to patronize its advertising columns. Results, good: inducements, numerous. We are unable to boast of over 5000 circulation, but can assert that our circulation is choice—and that is more to be desired than a great number of copies distributed among unthinking,unbuying and unbeleiving collectors. For more detailed information on this subject, the dealer is referred to previous numbers, where our statements are evinced by good arguments.

If the much talked of advance in U. S. revenue prices does come to pass in the next catalogue, the majority of the dealers of this country will have a pretty good thing of it, for, judging from the advertisements, nearly every dealer of any moment has a good stock of these stamps. Just scan the advertising columns of any paper, and you will see revenues of all issues and grades offered for sale. What is to be drawn from this fact? It certainly gives rise to some doubt in our minds as to whether this preordained advance is altogether on account of an unusual demand. When ever our leading dealers are all well stocked with a certain class of stamps, stamps which have not received their share of attention in the past and it is heralded over the country that there is to be a tremendous advance in prices soon and "buy while you can at the appended low prices" circulars are sent out, we certainly must be allowed to take the "unusual demand statement cum grano salis, promulgated, as it appears to have been, originally by our influential dealers.

We must not be understood as preaching a sermon against these revenues. They are pretty and interesting, with just enough varieties in paper and shades to make them interesting to specialist and non specialist alike. We also believe them to be a

good investment, for it must be a foregone conclusion that a series of stamps issued a number of years ago, and now obsolete, must necessarily advance in value, for various reasons. The point we wish to make is this—that in this case a sudden great advance in prices this winter will not be attributed on account of a revival of interest and correspondingly increased demand but, from conclusions we have drawn and formed from various sources will be ultimately found to have been a result due in part to the dealers.

Queen City Society.

The Queen City Philatelic Society held its second annual convention at Colorado Springs, Sept. 10th with a good attendance. Report received as follows from E. A. Steigler:

President, T. A. Hawyard; vice-president, F. H. Hall; secretary, M. E. Whitehead; treasurer, J. W. Thomas; librarian, W. J. Stephens; counter-intelligence director, R. M. Gottslobed; exchange superintendant J. S. Davis.

The doing away with proxies made a plain fact and the only way and should be adopted by all societies.

The reports of the L. A. P. and N. W. Society at Minneapolis, Sept. 4th have not been received.

Chats With Collectors

Philatelists as a whole do not seem to be enthusiastic enough in respect to adding new members to our ranks. They do not seem to take hold and push forward, but let many rare opportunities for converting outsiders into collectors slip unnoticed. This is not the best policy or the right way to act. Far from it: Let each philatelist who considers himself a wide-awake collector or dealer exert every effort to bring new collectors into our phalanx wherever the chance comes to him. Be frank and give some friend a few stamps for him to make a beginning with, and tell him about philately, our societies and our journals, and without doubt you will make an ardent collector of him.

What can anybody expect to accomplish who makes no efforts, but merely stands aside and lets every opportunity for advancement glide by unobserved.

If a friend questions you in any manner concerning stamps, endeavor to get him interested by showing him your collection, and describing the various specimens etc. You will seldom fail in your project provided you pursue the right course.

Another way in which you can benefit philately is to expose all frauds and the like, and to discourage the dealers' custom of sending out unsolicited lots of approval sheets, and endeavor to your utmost to discourage all inclinations in philatelists towards speculation in stamps. SPECULATORS AND COUNTERFEITERS ARE THE BANE OF PHILATELY.

In many other instances do opportunities present themselves wherein you can benefit our hobby in many respects. It is not our aim to herein speak of every mode of benefitting the hobby of stamp collecting, but merely to touch lightly upon a few ways of

doing philatelic good.

But to go on with our subject let us say that still another chance to do charitable philatelic work is to benefit yourself by belonging to as many societies as you can afford to, and to subscribe to most, if not all, of our leading publications In this way you keep yourself well informed and up-to-date, and keep in touch with collectors in general. Let each and every reader of this article take hold and push forward and put philately on a still more prosperous basis than it now rests upon. E. B. HORN JR.

OUR FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

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Messrs Brown, Higday and Rhone were appointed as committee on credentials and immediately retired to count the ballots. While they were preparing to report, the reports of the various officers were read and adopted without alteration. The secretary's report showed his department to be in good shape. The society was shown to be progressing well, and members were urged to keep up the work.

The librarian reported same good earnest work done during the year. Many new volumes and papers added. Many leading papers send copies to the library regularly.

Exchange superintendent reported sales of over 33⅓ per cent of all stamps sent him last year.

Stamps to the amount of over $1200.00 were received.

Trustees report recommended that Mr, W. D Garlock, University Place, Neb., be expelled from the society. Motion to expell was unanimously carried.

Auction manager reported one sale, wherein amount realized was $600.00.

Suggestions by various members were made in regards to securing national conventions for 1898. The president was authorized to appoint committee of five to push the work.

The credential committee returning at this time, their chairman was instructed to read the result, and the list of officers for the coming year was reported as follows:

OFFICERS.

President—F. B. Woolston, Wayne.
Vice President—Wm. B. Hopson, 1109 S 28th St. Omaha.
Sec'y-Treasurer—C. L. Thurston, 2408 Farnam St. Omaha.
Librarian—R. Shepard, 2204 Wirt St Omaha.
Exchange Supt.—S. P. Hughes, Howe.
Auction Manager—E. L. Platz, Omaha.
Attorney—H. A. Cheney, Creighton.
Purchasing Agent—H. E. Bennett, College View.
Counterfeit Detector—E. W. Pitt, Box 1126, Plattsmouth.
Trustees—Hopson, Thurston and Pybury.
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After other matters of minor import were discussed, the meeting was adjourned sine die.

Omaha

Wants the conventions in 1898. Hurrah for Omaha!

Canadian Revenues.

Since the collecting of revenue stamps has become so popular it will be my intention in this article to take up only the issues of Canada and her provinces.

In taste, design and color, they are far the most beautiful stamps ever issued, for a legitimate purpose. Having but few errors, or minor varieties they are equally interesting to a beginner or an advanced collector.

Their uses in all cases were, and are similar to our own internal revenue stamps.

The first issue commonly known as "Bill Stamps" was in 1864, the second issue in 1865 and the third and last issue in 1869.

These interesting stamps were in continual use for 18 years, or until 1882, when the law requiring the collection of this tax was repealed.

The first issue, 1864 consisted of seventeen varieties, all blue, and of like design.

In shape they were almost square, being 22x25mm, the dollar values somewhat larger. Head of queen facing to the left in oval 13mm wide, perpindicular frame, "Bill Stamp" at top 17mm wide, "Canada" below, value in large numerals at either upper corner, and in words at bottom in straight line 21mm in length.

With the 50c value the design was slightly changed, having head in octagon 13mm wide, "Bill Stamp" at top, "Canada" below; otherwise the design was the same as smaller values.

This issue was both perforate and imperforate. The perforated ones are all 13½ and most of them had wide margins. The paper, in each variety, was of a very thin white wove.

The only error worthy of notice in this issue, was the seven cent value—a few of them being printed "sfven." Genuine copies of this stamp are very rare.

In 1865 appeared the second issue, consisting of nineteen varieties, various colors, and designs. This is by far the most interesting of the three issues, and being the product of the American Bank Note company of New York, are perfect specimens of true art in printing. No stamp more beautiful can adorn the pages of an album, and are true philatelic treasures, of which any collector may well feel proud to own.

The paper was both pelure and thin white wove.

The 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5.7, 8 and 9c values were a bright red, perforated 12. They were oblong in shape, 20x25 mm Head of Queen to left in oval 16 mm wide, "Canada Bill Stamp" at top in two curved lines, value in curved line at bottom 17 mm in length, also a large figure just above and at either side of oval.

Beginning with the 10c value, the color was changed to blue, and design to that of octagon, The size of the stamp remaining the same, head of Queen to left in octagon 16 mm wide, "Bill Stamp" at top in double curved line.

To be continued in November issue.

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No 7 50 Fine Stamps, all different 50c

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L. T. Brodstone, agent. Superior, Neb.

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Canadian Revenues.

S. P. HUGHES.

(Began in October Number.)

"Canada" in curved line below, value in words in straight line at bottom and in figures at upper corners. The dollar values were somewhat larger, 10x25 mm,, head of queen to left in circle 18 mm wide, "Canada" above, "Bill Stamp" below, value in words at bottom in double curved line, also in large figures at upper corners, word dollars between 9mm in length.

The dollar values were printed in two colors, one dollar red. green center; one dollar green, red center, two dollar red, purple center; three dollar red, blue center.

The 30c value of the issue was also printed in red, but as about one fifth the number printed were in this color, they are not very scarce, not as much so as the 30 and 50c imperforate, which are by no means common.

In 1869 we come to the third and last issue of these interesting "Bill Stamps."

While this issue is attractive as well as interesting they by no means compare with the previous issue, either in beauty or artistic design.

The paper was both white wove and pelure, very similar to that of the second issue.

This issue had head and shoulder profile of queen (with widow's cap) chin resting on hand, facing to the left in oval topped rectangular frame 16mm wide.

Size of stamp same as second issue, 20x25mm, perforated 12.

The 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9c were all of same design, "Canada" above in curved line, "Bill Stamp" below, value in words in straight line at bottom, also in numerals at either upper corner.

With the 10c value the design was slightly changed, profile of queen facing the left in circle 19mm wide. "Canada Bill Stamp" above circle, value at bottom in straight line. Value was also in large figures at either end, and just above line of value.

The 1, 2, 4 and 8c were printed in brown, the 2, 5, and 7c in red orange, the 3, 6 and 9c in green, and the 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50c values in blue.

The dollar values as in the second issue were printed in two colors. one dollar blue, black center; two dollar red, black center; and three dollar green, black center.

The dollar value of this issue is known to exist with inverted medallion but is very rare in this condition. While a number may be found in all issues with double perforations, imperforates, minor varieties and the like, they are to be regarded as oddities more than anything else.

By the Business Manager.

One of the neatest hand books yet received is that of the P. S. of A., got-out by L. M. Lang of Baltimore, Md. It gives a list of members, branches, etc., and is well illustrated with cuts of its officers. The report of the convention at Denver is well worth the small price asked—25 cents.

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R. Rhone of Kearney has caught onto a very nice way of advertising his business. At the Denver and Minneapolis meets he had a card on the back of which was the words: "Vote for Omaha in '98," and at the N. P. S meet he gave neat badges out. Mr. H. D. Ruehlman of Sharon, Wis., also gave out neat cards at the Minneapolis meet, with unused Columbian stamps on, as well as badges.

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Too many cases in our societies now of applications of parties against whom objections are made, being tried and refused all in a minute, not even giving party time to make defense, as was the case of Mr Ross, in the Columbian Society, when the main objections were owing him at the time and not paid to this day, is too much like boys' play, and yet claim to have only good members.

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Received of N. Cobe of Waltham, Mass, catalogue of U. S. letter sheets of 109 varieties. well worth the price of 10 cents asked.

Also music and song of F. W. Reid of Phoenix, Ariz.. "Sixteen to One," which is O. K. for those who believe that way. Mr. Reid is an old dealer starting out again. Write him for price list.

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Price lists of Joe Beard, J. C. Miller, R. L. Albrecht & Co., Steinbrecher, of Chicago, also for Mexico, J. V. Revels, Ideal Exchange Sheets of W. Brown, of Salisbury, England, wholesale price list of Bright & Sons, of Bournemouth, England, copy of Bazar and Exchange Mart from 170 Strand, London, England, price list of Norwegian stamps of H. Buckley, of Rosenkrantz, 2d 2, Kristiana, Norway, first auction sale of Philatelic Literature of Page & Doughty, box 1061, Muscatine, Iowa, and J. M. Hampton, Big Run, Pa. Also catalogues from J. W. Scott, B. L. Drew and Bogert & Durbin. Price list of S. A. stamps of J. Maximo Sachen of Andes 1059, Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic. Many thanks. I believe any reader can get above by writing to parties named.

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President's Address.

Mr. Platz, the nominee of the convention, having declined to serve as auction manager, I appoint Dr. F. L. Riser of Lincoln.

All of our departments are now in running order; let us patronize them.

We must do all we can to get Nebraska collectors into the national societies.

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Secretary's Report.

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APPLICATIONS.

142. C. T. Clauson, Amelia. Recommended by L. T. Brodstone. Above will be admitted if no objection is made within two weeks. Let each member try and secure at least one new member before the year '97. Application blanks may be had of the secretary.

Pertinent Paragraphs.

By S. Estle Miller.

The gall of some wholesale stamp dealers is unlimited. They issue "Wholesale price lists to dealers only" and price their stamps at so much per ten or hundred, and then advertise single stamps elsewhere for the average price PER TEN. Is this not taking a decided advantage of the retail dealer? In this way he is put in direct competition with the wholesale dealer, and is of necessity compelled to sell his stamps at cost and lose the postage "into the bargain." But this is only "one of many" cute ways of doing business. We favor a retail dealers protective association.

A certain philatelic writer sojourning "beyond the border" denominates the "denunciation of philatelic speculators" as "another chestnut." In opinion it is not so much of "a chestnut" after all. Against certain classes of speculators I offer no protest. It is perfectly legitimate to buy stamps at the lowest possible price and "hold them for a rise." But it is not honest business to go about in an effort to create false or fictitious values with the single thought of "feathering your own nest" and "swamping the

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WE are contemplating a special edition for December. Will you be with us? Nothing extraordinary, you know, but something that will pay advertisers. Let us hear from you.

S. M. HAMILTON'S book on the late P. S. of A. campaign is meeting the approval of all fair-minded members.

Too much politics was the cause of our change in form last month. New printer means more trouble—but we hope for the best.

REV. A. B. WHITMER. formerly of Osceola, Neb., has removed to Wymore, Neb., where he will be pleased to hear from his friends.

"THE Directory of Virginia Philatelists" has been received. It is neat, but we dont' think it can compare with the Nebraska Philatelic Blue Book.

PERHAPS Nebraska collectors have missed our "Nebraska Notes." Well, no notes, no notes—none are sent us, so we have none to publish. There is undoubtedly much that transpires in our state worthy of publication, but to get it—"aye, there's the rub." We cannot print "space fillers"—must be newsy, terse and not too old to be stale—hence much of that received we are unable to use. We are still open for assistance in this line—not as an object of charity, but for the good of our Nebraska fraternity.

The Young Collector.

As to our friend the young collector—we have not spoken of him in these columns before—but we are decidedly in favor of the movement on foot to pay more attention to him. The idea of publishing special albums and catalogues, for his benefit is, per-

haps, to be commended. We believe, however, that a catalogue containing every legitimate variety, but with a complete and perfectly clear description of the salient points of difference between each, would prove just as acceptable to the young beginner, and would be of much greater worth and benefit. Seeing the numerous varieties, and from the explanations that should there appear, being capable of conceiving a clear comprehension of the differences, would he not be inclined to enter more deeply into philately and STUDY his stamps? One of the most frequently mentioned of the benefits derived from stamp collecting is the immense amount of good the collector obtains from the study of his stamps—good that is unconsciously partaken of and therefore of greater value. Can this argument be sustained if the study of the stamp is done away with?

We do not believe in the idea of collecting stamps like buttons or tobacco tags—just to be able to say "I've a thousand varieties," or "I've five hundred varieties." If a stamp of certain design has been in use for a period covering some years, and at different dates during that time changes or alterations in perforation, watermark or paper have been made, or if the design is changed or re-touched, each change marking a different issue and a different year, why should not the collector, be he novitiate or no, pay serious attention to these things? As the matter now stands, it would certainly be perpleving to the beginner to determine all these various points. But with a radically improved system of cataloguing these varieties, where the perspicuity and completeness of explanations that appear whenever necessary is a prominent feature, we believe this difficulty will be speedily overcome. Certainly no sane man desires to encourage any young collector to continue who lacks the simple intelligence necessary to conceive a plain and comprehensive statement of what such and such a variety is, and the mode of distinguishing it. Philately cannot pose as willing to accept such people. The boy or girl collector is all right, and should be desired and sought after, but let them be started on their careers correctly. With our numerous publications—magazines hand books, etc.—surely he can from the perusal of these gain a good idea of the delights open to those who take up collecting in the manner which we contend should be done, and, fortified with a properly prepared catalogue, something, by the way, that is not only to be desired for the beginner's enlightenment, but also for many of the older collectors' guidance, he will find his road easy to follow.

We are told that some collectors of many years experience are giving up this collecting of many different varieties of the same stamp, returning to the ways of our ancestors. If this be true, well and good. But we venture to say that such men are of "small minds" and lack that subtle patience and love of study that should characterize all true philatelists.

Pray let us consider this subject

with momentous care, for it concerns to a considerable extent the future of philately. Furnish the beginner with catalogues prepared as suggested, let other collectors who have gained from experience give him the benefit of their knowledge if necessary, and he becomes a most worthy addition to our ranks, and is much more likely to continue collecting than he who merely starts out with the idea of securing as many different stamps, without regard to detail, as he can, and whose advent, after all, cannot be hailed with much delight, unless, perchance, by the few dealers whom he enriches slightly. It is admitted that the latter class may become a student afterwards, but the chances in favor of this argument proving true are few. START HIM CORRECTLY—that is what should be done, then the terse phrase "once a collector, always a collector," can be applicably applied to him. Our prominent dealers, collectors and publishers who are advocating this removal from the sight of the beginner the delicious delights and permanent benefits gained from the study of stamps, would do well to concentrate their energies towards the building up and fostering of these things. Do not ask him to descend to the level of he who collects unknowingly, being actuated with the mere desire to possess number rather than knowledge and benefit.

We doubt if the collectors of any other state or locality are as fraternal and interested in each other as are those of Nebraska. Nebraska cannot claim as great a number of collectors as eastern states, but all who are here are alive to the interests of this locality. Of course the Nebraska Philatelic Society—"Nebraska's Pride"—is responsible for much of this, Another thing that draws the collectors of the state more closely together is the "Nebraska Philatelic Blue Book," a little work that should be in the hands of every collector claiming allegiance to the state. We do not feel it is exhibiting an unnecessary amount of egotism to assert that THE PHILATELIC WEST has done, and will continue to do its share of this work. Originally designed for their interests primarily, the management still keeps this policy in view, and so far the results have been very flattering. Just one word to the members of the N. P. S.—are your dues paid up, or are you allowing yourself to fall in arrears? Don't allow yourself to drop out of our little world—and a withdrawal from our society means this to a certain extent. So far, our members have not experienced any of the troubles caused by unduly heated elections, exorbitant dues and incompetent officers, and we are sanguine that they never will. Be one of us—try and induce others to join.

The Approval Sheet.

In a previous number of THE PHILATELIC WEST, "Stamp Lover" discussed the evils of the approval sheet. Admitting that there are evils, are there not many good points connected with this system of sale? I think so.

I believe the approval sheet is one

of the most "up-to-date" things of stamp collecting. Suppose, now, that there were no approval sheets, how would the collector in some of the out-of-the-way places get his stamps? Of course he can buy packets, and at the same time get a lot of stamps he does not want and probably cannot make use of unless he does considerable exchanging. He can also order from dealers' lists of sets, and the same trouble is found as with the packets. He can, if his collection is well advanced, order separate stamps, but, as dealers' time is worth so much money they probably will not fill a list unless worth about twenty-five or thirty dollars. What is left for him to do? "Get some approval sheets," involuntarily comes to your lips. Certainly, any dealer who wants trade will send you some if you are known to him, and if otherwise will do so if you send him references or a small cash deposit. And when this course is taken how and why should the receiver store them away and keep "mum?" He has given reference or his cash deposit and so he will gain little if anything by this way of doing his business, which I think would not be found, or at least ought not, in a person competent of being a philatelist. If a person once gets sheets and never returns them it is usually the fault of the dealer by either sending the sheets without being asked to do so, or not having been careful to get references, or getting them and not examining them to see if they are good or worthless. A person who is not upright in his dealings should be excluded from the philatelic world. By all means let us have the approval sheet.

ROBERT RHONE.

Pertinent Paragraphs.

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other fellow." Such business, anywhere and everywhere, is nefarious. Who believes that the broker's business at the stock exchange is surfeited with legitimacy? Very few people, indeed. And where's the difference between the speculator at the stamp mart and a speculator at the stock exchange? Rightly viewed, the crusade against a certain class of stampic speculators, may not be so much of "a chestnut" after all.

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Then I find an illusion to another "chestnut"—the article on "advice to beginners." I do not wish to be understood as making a plea for more of such articles. I am no Oliver Twist here at least. But allow the question —were such articles ever timely? If so, why not "now," as well as "then?" Are there not beginners in the ranks all times? Are there no recruits entering at the present day? Then is philately in a deplorable condition, and there is truth in the statement that "the boy trade is dying out." If such be the actual condition, may it not be due to this very fact that the many papers have closed their doors to all articles written for beginners? To capture and hold the young we must give them matter suited te their age and mental reach. Don't grow exclusively technical and scientific. The young idea can't reach it.

Our Illustration.

H. C. Beardsley, of St. Joseph, Mo., one of the western leaders of amateur actors, philatelists as well as publishers, was born in 1869, interested in philately in 1882, dealer since 1885, has published Philatelic Literature Collector 1887, Western Philatelist 1888-9; Philatelic Advertiser 1885 to date, and International Philatelist 1885 to date and now has on press the Philatelic Directory (12,000 names) largest ever published, and the following hand books: Kansas Address Book, Iowa Address Book, Missouri Address Book, Colorado Address Book, Southern States Address Book, Philatelic Societies, Directory of Philatelic Journals and League American Philatelic Hand Book. Charter member of American Philatelic Association No. 35. secretary American Philatelic Press Association, member S. of P., P. S. of A. and L. A P. After Dec. 1 will devote his entire time to stamp business. Is for Omaha for the '98 stamp convention, the year of the great Trans-Mississippi Exposition.

BOILED DOWN.

Original and Otherwise.

A prominent dealer of San Francisco recently made a find of revenues, the catalogue value being $17,665.00, and none under five cents each were removed from the documents. At the rate U. S. revenues have been unearthed during the last year, the market price cannot consistently advance a great deal this winter. as is confidently expected and hoped by many.

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Spanish stamps issued in 1875 all bear on the back a number printed in blue within a white square, the square being inclosed within a frame of faint dots, this being surrounded by a border of wavy lines. The number is different on every stamp in the sheet, making 100 varieties on each sheet for those who go in for such varieties.

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An English firm, so, we are informed, has made a "find" of Nova Scotia remainders aggregating 200,000 sets, and the 8½ cent stamp has already dropped to $1.75, and the others proportionately with the exception of the 5 cent blue, which was the one value missing from the find.

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The gum on each stamp of the Leeward Islands is carefully examined by advanced specialists to determine what plate the stamp belongs to.

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The Philadelphia party is still endeavoring to dispose of his $2.00 Columbians at 15 per cent below face value.

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An odd point about the international postal system is that registered letters may be recalled by the senders at any time before they are actually delivered. Not long ago a German bank sent securities representing a large sum of money to a firm in New York city. Soon afterward the bank learned that the New York firm was insolvent and on the point of bankruptcy, the news being received by cable. A cable message was sent without delay to intercept the securities on their arrival at New York, and the registered letter containing them was returned unopened to the bank. Great Britain, however, does not permit this privilege, holding that when a person has mailed a letter, it must be considered the property of the addressee.

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CANADIAN REVENUES.

S. P. HUGHES.
Began in October Number.

NOVA SCOTIA.

In 1869 the Canadian government surcharged the then current Bill Stamps "N. S."—in large black capitals—for use in the province of Nova Scotia. With the exception of the dollar values, the surcharge was near the top, on these near the bottom of stamp. The dollar values of these stamps are very rare, and are lacking in many collections. The paper of course being the same as preceding issues, the entire set consisting of 18 values and 36 varieties.

"WEIGHTS AND MEASURES."

In 1876 a new variety of revenues were issued, and from their use are called Weights and Measures. The entire issue consisted of eleven values, and over a dozen varieties. The stamps were of a much different design of any revenue yet issued, being 22x55 mm. in size. In the center of the stamp is a blank space 11x18 mm. in which the registered number is printed, in either red or blue, as the case may be. This registered number is sometimes found printed across the top of stamp.

Word "weights" in straight line above frame surrounding blank space, "measures" just below, value in figures in lower part of stamp enclosed in oblong frame 4x11 mm. surrounded by irregular frame of fine scroll engraving. In 1887 a variety of this stamp appeared printed in red, that had neither number nor value. I do not believe it was ever used, as I have neither ever seen or heard of a used copy.

These "Weights and Measures" as well as most of the following stamps were engraved and printed by the "British American Bank Note Co." of Montreal, and are still in use.

"GAS INSPECTION."

"Gas Inspection" stamps were first issued in 1876, and as far as I know, are at present exactly the same design as those issued for use twenty years ago. The stamps are used by "Gas inspectors" and affixed to the certificates given gas companies, as to the quality of gas they manufacture. These are of the same design as "Weights and Measures," even in regard to size and perforation.

They are printed in blue and consist of nine values: 5 cents, 25 cents, 50 cents, $1.00, $1.50, $2.00, $3.00, $4.00, $5.00, $10.00.

The registered number is printed in red across the middle of the stamp.

"Electric Light Stamps" or "Inspection" proper have just been issued.

The design is the same as the two preceding stamps, and consist of seven values all printed in red. The registered number is printed is blue across center of stamp.

The values are 25 and 50 cents, $1.00, $2.00, $3.00, $5.00 and $10.00.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

BOILED DOWN.

Original and Otherwise.

The Spanish 4 cuartos of 1864, rose on flesh-colored paper, is said to have been found perforated 12½.

The Philatelic Exhibition booked for London in 1897 promises to eclipse all previous efforts in this direction.

The only time when the U. S. varied the rule of having the busts of its departed statesmen on its stamps was in the 1869 issue.

J. B. Moens a prominent dealer of Belgium, confines his business to the mail only, refusing to transact it in any other manner.

There have been 1,625.000 stamps printed in San Marino during the past nineteen years. The population of this interesting country is about 8000.

The stamp to "commemorate" the Brussels Exposition of 1897 is out. It measures 35 mm. by 24 mm., has a perforated Sunday label and has a face value of ten cents.

The following French stamps are being called in and their issuance is to be discontinued: 75 centimes adhesive stamp 5 centimes large size and 15 centimes small size envelopes, 3 centimes stamped wrapper and 60 centime and one franc postage due.

The latest feature of a stamp society is the "Grand Stamp Lottery," started by the Bombay Philatelic Society. Each member supplies a packet of stamps, and then some kind of a drawing is held, wherein some get good prizes, while others get left.

Every ship that carries the mails across the ocean has a completely equipped postoffice. Though crowded into small space it is provided with everything of importance that is to be found in a postoffice on land. The clerk in charge is the postmaster of the sea postoffice. On an average trip he has to sort 75,000 letters and in addition the contents of perhaps fifty bags of printed matter.

Only two issues of stamps were ever declared obsolete by the department. They were the issues of 1847 and 1851. When the war came, the department had no means of getting at the postmasters in the seceded states, and making them surrender the large stock of stamps which they had on hand. The only way to prevent their use was to put out another issue, and declare all the old stamps valueless. This was done in 1861. All stamps issued since that time are as good today as on the day they were printed.

The sea postoffice on board a ship of the North German Lloyd line, such as the Elbe, has two clerks, one an American and the other a German. On the voyage to Europe the ship is called a United States German postoffice, and is under the direction of the American clerk. On the way back it is termed a Deutsch-Amerikanisch postoffice and is under the charge of the German clerk. The latter is quite an impressive personage, wearing a uniform of blue with brass buttons and a sword. The American clerk has no such distinctive costume or regalia, but only a regulation cap.

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Why is it the pages of auction catalogues are not used more for advertising than they are. The catalogue of a large sale is circulated extensively, and a good advertisement therein would certainly prove profitable to the dealer, besides yielding some remuneration to the publisher.

The perpetrators of the famous "philatelic" murder of Paris have at last received their just dues, one being sentenced for life and one for three years.

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We notice that our style of heading "In the interests of philately and the Nebraska Philatelic Society" is being copied or imitated by several of our esteemed contemporaries. Comment is unnecessary.

Holders of Denmark stamps will have no cause for grumbling over the prices in the 57th catalogue. Many of the early issues have advanced considerable. Early issues of Cuba have also gone up.

Advertisers who wish to get in on the ground floor in our big January number are invited to address the business manager. We are going to depart from the usual routine slightly. Instead of raising the price, we intend to make it reasonable enough to make it an inducement for dealers to contract for space. This applies, of course, only to advertisements of a reasonable size.

What is the cause of so many resignations being made in the American Philatelic Association? Nineteen in one week looks bad. And what's more to be regretted the applications for membership are not coming in fast enough to offset this exodus.

The "U. S. Boy's Paper," as the Philatelic Record dubs our new paper, is meeting with much adverse comment. We cannot be in sympathy with this idea of encouraging the beginner to collect in an unintelligent impractible manner, and have so stated, and can see no benefit to come from this new paper.

"Two cents for each ounce or fraction thereof" is the rate charged for first-class mail matter. Letters are occasionally seen bearing three cents postage. This amount can not be correct, as it should be two cents, four cents, six cents, etc. This fact partially accounts for the scarcity of the three cents due stamps.

It is rumored that philatelic literature collectors are considering the formation of a society or combination to prevent the issue of the various small papers having no value to collectors and apparently likely to die after the first few numbers. We would suggest that its promoters term it "The Pool for the Prevention of Poor Philatelic Papers," thus making it a rival of the S. S. S. S.

English papers are commenting on two new orders issued from headquarters to colonial postmasters. The first order pertains to the practice of post marking stamps to order, and the postmasters of the several colonies are ordered to desist at once. The other instruction prohibits the sale of more than $25 worth of stamps of the same value at a time to any stamp dealer. This last is a good example of some of the foolish ideas of the British department, and, if enforced, will cause much inconvenience to collectors in general. We understand, however, that it is not likely to be put into operation.

This is an age of abbreviations. In every line of business the practice of dispensing with unnecessary words and letters is rapidly becoming more common. Among stamp collectors this is particularly noticeable. The use of "U. S." and "Foreign" for "U. S. Stamps" and "Foreign Stamps" is resorted to by all. "Perf." for Perforated, "Imperf" for Imperforated, "Wmk" for Watermark, etc., are frequently met with. The compilers of auction sale catalogues find their space limited and we find "N. E." when they desire to call attention to the upper left hand corner of the stamp they are describing, "N. W." for upper right hand corner, etc. Signs are commonly used to designate a used or unused stamp, cut square or entire envelope, perforation and watermarks. To the un-initiated, the pages of a modern auction sale catalogue are as a sealed book, as far as understanding them goes.

Many and various are the methods employed by collectors to get the

current U. S. The usual way is by personal solicitation of firms having a large correspondence. Another way is to pay the office boy a small sum for all stamps he secures. The latest thing in this line, to which our attention was recently called, is to negotiate with the janitors of office buildings, paying them so much per hundred for each value. This is the best way we have yet heard of, as the janitor usually empties the waste baskets and has a very good opportunity to secure stamps in quantities. The collector starting the scheme sent circular letters to the janitors of the various buildings where stamps were likely to be found, stating what he wanted and asking for an interview if the party to whom the letter was addressed became interested in the matter. A schedule of prices allowed was then furnished, and arrangements made to call for the stamps once a week, payment being forthcoming upon delivery. After a month devoted to making arrangements, the collector's labors were easy. Properly managed, this method will bring in hundreds of specimens, and at a considerable less expense than where they are purchased of collectors, and many of the higher values will often be picked up.

FASHIONS IN STAMPS.

Stamp collectors are in a measure like the women of fashion—it needs but for some one to start a new fad, and they all zealously take after the originator or originators. I say all advisedly, but many collectors are certainly very like unto a flock of sheep, following a leader with much devotion.

A few years ago it was Mexican revenues—an influential firm secured control of the bulk of the old issues, and by issuing special albums and catalogues and advertising extensively managed to create quite a boom. But where are Mexican revenues now? I know of one collector who invested quite a sum in these stamps and has a very nice lot of them, but they are now worth but a fraction of the amount expended for them. This same craze is frequently met with. Some country or group of countries, or some particular issue of a country suddenly becomes popular and collectors all engage in a wild scramble to secure specimens, paying exorbitant prices to secure coveted specimens, so far does their fanatic zeal lead them on. And after the boom has bursted—then indeed have they cause to ask the slang question, "where are we at." Like the boom of a new western town—once the excitement has died down and people have regained their sober senses, the fictitious values must drop to their true value, leaving those who invested "holding the sack"—and often an empty one at that.

Much has been said on this topic—it forms a good question for the space-filler to take up. But in my opinion, the evil of these fads should be kept before collectors until they desist in their mad attempts to keep up with every new one that comes out. To engage in a new line of collecting, or take up a new country or emission that has become popular is admissable,

but we should not allow our zeal to carry us too far. Secure new varieties but do not pay high prices; the unusual demand causes them to advance. Wait until they come down to their proper level, as they surely will.

The favorite this winter will be U. S. Revennes. Collect them carefully, understandingly and economically. Do not reach out for it like a drowning man would grasp for a life preserver; pay a reasonable price or let it go.

These are my ideas on the subject. Let us hear from some one else.

Leon V. Cass.

EXCHANGING EXTRAORDINARY.

In the present advanced stage of philately, when the statement is made that anything, from an article of wearing apparel to a town lot, may be obtained in exchange for stamps, it provokes no unusual comment.

A careful observation of the exchange columns in our papers published in the last two years reveals many interesting facts. One of the most amusing was an advertisement that appeared some time ago in a now defunct stamp paper, wherein the proprietors of a boarding-house in an eastern city desired to give board for periods of a week, month or year for collections of stamps.

Have you a desire to till the soil of the balmy south? You can obtain five acres of Florida land if you have such a thing as a "dealer's outfit" of sufficient value to offer in exchange. If you are thinking of taking a course of study in some university, do not unwisely squander your hard-earned money for the scholarship. If you will give up your collection, you may receive in turn a three-years' tuition in a prominent western college, this offer being made by a member of the college's faculty.

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Anyone who has became satiated with all the delights of Philately, has became troubled with ennui in connection with his stamps, and wishes to take up some other hobby, may, without difficulty, be equipped in whatever hobby he may choose, be it bird's eggs, coins, post-marks, autographs, old books, curiosities, or anything that is collectable.

An amusing advertisement recently appearing in an English paper was that of a collector who wished to exchange for "old Chromos of the Liebig's Meat Extract Co."

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LOCALS.

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Residing in the west, in Nebraska and surrounding states, are hundreds of collectors to whom practical philately is yet unknown, save by perhaps an occasional stray sample copy or dealer's price list. Among these are numerous collectors who can well be termed "advanced" who always are willing to purchase good stamps, and there are also collectors by the score who only possess small collections but are only awaiting the opportunity to buy and increase their varieties.

The Philatelic West offers to advertisers a never before equalled opportunity to reach such collectors as the above. It circulates more extensively among them than any paper published. A long list of the collectors residing in Nebraska and the surrounding states, compiled with care by the personal efforts of collectors travelling over this territory, is owned by the publishers of this paper. The names in this list are only of those known to be actively engaged in collecting. Over one-half of these are collectors who know nothing whatever of the great world of philately. These names have been secured at some expense in the only way possible—by personal inquiry in the various towns of these western states. To the enterprising advertiser, The Philatelic West offers the means, at the appended low rates, whereby to reach these collectors. Can you afford to let the opportunity pass without grasping it?

Our special number will reach hundreds of collectors whom you should become acqnainted with. Let us hear from you.



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Harpers' Round Table warns collectors against an old-time philatelist who is going about offering specimen sets of U. S. stamps at very low prices which prove to be cardboard proofs rubbed down with pumice stone, gummed and perforated. The word "specimen" instead of being printed was then applied by means of a rubber stamp in aniline ink. When any are offered these stamps at bargain counter rates it is safe to say there is something wrong.

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OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

CLIFFORD WASHINGTON KISSINGER.

This gentleman's cut is seen on our cover, apparently gazing intently upon "THE PHILATELIC WEST." Although but a young man, he is widely known in philatelic circles. He began his philatelic career when a mere boy and his interest and zeal has never flagged. His title, "The Young Napoleon of Philately," is familiar to all. Mr. Kissinger is a member of all the leading philatelic societies in the United States and Great Britain, and has served in the capacity of president, vice-president secretary, treasurer and trustee in several prominent societies. As editor and publisher of The Pennsylvania Philatelist he has attained much prominence. The Nineteenth Century and the Stamp Collector's Hand-Book are also his work.

CHARLES ESTERLY SEVERN.

Our second cut is of this gentleman. His charming personality and the interesting and numerous products of his pen have made him familiar and beloved by all. He is president of the Western Philatelic Association, and ex-president of the P. S. of A., the last named office being filled by him admirably. His collection of United States and Confederate States is superb.

ONEY K. CARSTARPHEN.

Our third cut presents a rather poor likeness of this young man, the present president of the P. S. of A. His campaign is 1894 for vice-president brought his name before the philatelic public, and although it was not successful, it opened up the way for his election to the higher office in 1895.

LOUIS J. KRAMER.

The last cut we have this month is of L. J. Kramer, of Elkader, Iowa. He is president of the L. of A. P. and ex-auction manager of the P. S. of A. 'Tis said the L. of A. P. owes its origination to him. He is the leading cycle dealer of his city.

The above four prominent philatelists are good representatives of east and west—they are all a unit, we understand, for "Omaha in 1898." If not, they should fall in line, for we are in the scramble to win.

ED. H. W.

BOILED DOWN.

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE.

The handling of stamps should always be carefully done and only when the hands are perfectly clean; especially is this true in the case of unused stamps, which generally have a glossy finish, which repeated handling tends to destroy, as well as many delicate colors. In the case of rare stamps tweezers should be used, as by their use soiling or tearing is reduced to a minimum.

One of the disadvantages which English collectors labor under is in having a penny as the unit of value in ordering common stamps from catalogues. Prominent dealers are considering the advisability of cataloguing stamps at ½d, instead of 1d.

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The portrait on the Argentine 5c slate violet, is that of Higinio. This is one of several Latinized forms which the name O'Higgins has taken in several parts of South America. It was not so long ago that the whole civilized world was reading with bated breath the story of one of the great naval fights of modern times, in which the principal combatant was the Chilian ironclad "O'Higgins." One of the largest provinces in Chili bears the same melodious name. It has been the appellation of more than one soldier or politician prominent in the revolutions of these republics; and in the shape of Higinio, softened for Paraguayan tongues, it presumably represents an individual of the same redoubtable tribe.

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A prominent collector of England is authority for the assertion that English collectors are less prone to collect the stamps of their own country than Americans.

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Norway stamps issued from 1872 to 1878 have a post-horn delicately shaded with fine curved sidewise lines. The crown surmounting the horn in these is carefully engraved, and presents a generally light surface, with the jewels clearly defined. In the issues of 1883-90 the post-horn is much more rudely drawn and has no cross-lines of shading. The crown, too, is a dark and smudgy affair.

IN CYNICAL MOOD.

We have heard of collectors who occasionally inclosed a stamp in letters of inquiry, but we must confess we regard with suspicion the tale recently circulated regarding a man who religiously incloses a stamped addressed envelope in each one of his letters. Such a man should not lack for correspondents.

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A dealer advertises "well mixed Continentals" for only 25 cents per thousand. We suppose that his wholesale lots of trash are so religiously "mixed" before the packets are made up that the German and English and Italian and French issues worth as much as a few cents per million are given in equal quantities in each packet. These cheap packets afford the dealer his only opportunity of disposing of his rubbish, and he must make the most of it; the poor collector must be beguiled into purchasing by assurances that the packet contains stamps "of unequalled value," "well mixed," "just the thing for 'traders'," etc. Heaven protect the boy collector from the omnivorous dealer, who advertises cheap packets of impossible value.

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We might give the critics the pleasant task of declaring us guilty

of plagiarism by publishing the following as original, but we know they would take too much pleasure in such work. We cannot give credit to any philatelic paper for it, however. In fact we are unable to state who is the gennis who wrote it or where it first appeared. But here it is it fits our case exactly:

"If you have frequent fainting spells, accompanied by chills, cramps, bunions, chilblains, epilepsy and jaundice, it is a sure sign you are having bad health and are liable to shuffle off this mortal coil at any moment. Die with a clear conscience by paying up your arrearages and subscribing for this paper for a year or two in advance."

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Why does not some enterprising collector start a philatelic press clipping bureau? The benefits to be derived from such a scheme would certainly be numerous. For instance, frauds could keep informed as to what papers they were last exposed in, thus saving themselves the expense of subscribing to all papers in existence. Aspiring candidates for offices in our various societies could guage public opinion by patronizing the bureau, which would forward them all remarks, of a personal nature or otherwise, appearing in the stamp publications. Authors would— but limited space forbids us enlarging further upon this theme. It certainly offers a prolific topic for the writer of an imaginative mind.

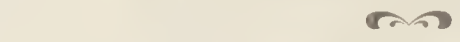
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We would respectfully ask what the man meant who described a stamp in a recently issued auction catalogue as "nearly unused."

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And still they come. Address books, directories, blue-books, etc. We could never see the particular benefit a collector derives from having his name in such publications. He may receive a few sample copies or circulars, which do him little good. Advertisers therein have, as a rule, been led to contract for space through gross misrepresentations, for we will wager that not four of the fifteen or twenty of these publications that have appeared during the last few months have as large or choice a circulation as their promoters claim, such as any advertiser would expect, or as good as that of the most insignificant philatelic paper extant, in proportion to the rates charged.

ED. H. WILKINSON.



A WORD WITH ADVERTISERS.

It is a well-known fact that the advertiser first in the field is the one who will reap the harvest. If he can cause his advertisements to circulate among a class of purchasers who rarely see a philatelic paper he reaches the most liberal purchasers known. By keeping his advertisement constantly in circulation among such people, he secures a permanent, paying trade.

Residing in the west, in Nebraska and surrounding states, are hundreds of collectors to whom practical philately is yet unknown, save by perhaps an occasional stray sample copy or dealer's price list. Among these are numerous collectors who can well be termed "advanced," who are always willing to purchase good stamps, and there are also collectors by the score who only possess small collections but are only awaiting the opportunity to buy and increase their varieties.

THE PHILATELIC WEST offers to advertisers a never before equalled opportunity to reach such collectors as the above. It circulates more extensively among them than any paper published. A long list of the collectors residing in Nebraska and the surrounding states, compiled with care by the personal efforts of collectors traveling over this territory is owned by the publishers of this paper. The names in this list are only of those known to be actively engaged in collecting. Over one half of these are collectors who know nothing whatever of the great world of philately. These names have been secured at some expense in the only way possible— by personal inquiry in the various towns of these western states. To the enterprising advertiser, THE PHILATELIC WEST offers the means, at the appended low rates, whereby to reach these collectors. Can you afford to let the opportunity pass without grasping it?

NEBRASKA'S PRIDE.

The Nebraska Philatelic Society. Organized 1892.



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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

I extend to you my best wishes for a prosperous and happy New Year.

If we wish to secure the '98 conventions for Omaha, there are two things that we must do, get an entertainment fund and get western collectors into the national societies.

I wish again to call your attention to our exchange department. It is in fine working order.

FRED B. WOOLSTON.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Received from Parmelee & Brown, 50 papers. From publisher Omaha Philatelist 1 year's subscription, 2 copies.

The library now numbers about 650 pieces.

Will be pleased to acknowledge many more donations.

Don't all speak at once.

Respectfully,

R. L. SHEPARD,
Librarian of N. P. S.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT.

Dear Bros. of N. P. S.:

Having filled the honorary position of attorney now going on two years, and not until recently have I had the chance to do any active duties of the office, from the fact that I have only received one claim for collection, that being an account of $1.75 for dues and fees from one J. Cleve Scott, of Central City, Neb. I upon advice of trustees wrote Mr. Scott's father and in return received a draft from J. Cleve Scott, who said, "I am blaming no one in this matter but myself, and beg your pardon, also that of the society."

H. A. CHENEY, Attorney.

EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

The Exchange Department is in excellent order, with $300.00 worth of stamps in circulation. During November I retired nine books with sales slightly over 72 per cent. Members having good medium stamps which they are willing to sell cheap can find a ready sale in this department. The demand for U. S. Revenues is greater than ever, and all are invited to send 5c each for blank books and give the "sales department" a trial.

Yours to please, SAM P. HUGHES.

Entertainment Fund for '98 Conventions.

In order to make a good showing for Omaha at Atlantic City and Boston next summer it has been suggested that we raise a fund for the entertainment of the visiting stampites in case Omaha captures the '98 convention. The following have subscribed the amounts set opposite their names:

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Clarence L. Thurston	5.00.
Fred B. Woolston	5.00.
W. B. Hopson	5.00.
C. Pyburn	1.00.
Louis J. Kramer of Iowa	2.00.
S. P. Hughes	5.00.
S. W. Hacker	5.00.
R. L. Shepard	5.00.
W. F. Hendricks	5.00.
C. Eddy	5.00.
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This amount payable July 1st, 1898, if we get the convention. Members wishing to subscribe will please send name and amount to Secretary, or this paper. No subscription for less than $1.00 will be received

CANADIAN REVENUES.

S. P. HUGHES.

(Began in October Number.)

"SUPREME COURT STAMPS."

These are the stamps that are not only the largest but the most beautiful of all Canadian Revenues. The set consists of six values, 10 cents, 20 cents, 25 cents, 50 cents, $1.00 and $5.00, all printed in blue. They first came into use in 1876, and are still used. In size they compare with our high value revenues, being 35x75 mm. in size. The value is expressed in figures across top and bottom in an oblong frame, also in words at bottom of stamp. Queen's head facing to left in circle 15 mm. wide, above circle word "Canada," below "Law Stamp." Between the circle and scroll at bottom is the registered number in red.

"LAW STAMPS."

The Canadian *Law Stamps*, taken as a whole, rank with any of the preceding revenues, both as to engraving and artistic printing. These "*Law Stamps*" are at present still in use in most of the provinces, and are quite common. They are used to documents filed by the court, summonses, etc., etc. The provinces to first issue "*Law Stamps*" were *Manitoba, New Brunswick, British Columbia, Quebec,* and *Ontario.* The first *Law Stamps* were issued in Ontario in 1864, and are known as "Upper Canada" stamps. The set consisted of 15 values, all similar design: large figure of "Justice" blindfolded, holding a pair of balances in right hand, in left a large sword pointing downward. Frame surrounding figure is rectangular with oval top, 17x32 mm. Word "*Canada*" down right side of stamp, *Law Stamp* at left, both being surrounded by an ornamental scroll work. Just above the figure of Justice is a blank space for the surcharge which is either "C. F." (Consolidated Fund), "F. F." (Fee Fund), or "L. S." (Law Society). These surcharges are printed "C. F." in blue, "F. F." in yellow and "L. S." in brown.

At the upper corners of stamp is a frame inclosing the large figure of value, and just between in words 10 mm. long, also at bottom of stamp in frame 25 mm. in length, is the value again represented in words. The 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90 cent and $1.00 values were all printed in green, the 2, 3, 4 and 5 dollar values having the figure of Justice printed in black.

"ONTARIO LAWS."

In 1870 the previous stamps went out of use, and were superseded by "*Ontario Laws*," consisting of fourteen values and twenty-eight varieties. The first set was printed in carmine, the second in vermillion. The design very similar to preceding stamps—somewhat smaller, perhaps being 28x44 mm. in size, perforated 12. The figure of Justice in this issue was not blindfolded. "*Ontario Law Stamp*" above frame in two curved lines, value in figures at lower corners, "*Cents*" between, also in curved line 10 mm. in length.

"BRITISH COLUMBIA."

According to an act of parliament in 1879, British Columbia fell in line, and issued a set of *Law Stamps*, consisting of four values. This first set was printed in blue, and consisted of a 10, 30, 50 cent and $1.00. The design was very similar to the preceding stamps, the only real difference being in the color. In 1886 the 10c stamp was printed in black, then in 1889 the 30c in red, and the 50c in brown, the dollar value remaining the same as when first issued.

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The non-appearance of "Official Seals" in the new catalogue doubtless surprised many, and probably rather unpleasantly, too, for with their removal from the catalogue their value is almost certain to decrease. One prophet has already ventured to assert that fifty cents will be their market value within a year. This will make those who paid anywhere near the old catalogue price for specimens feel inclined to be a bit discouraged, and justly, too, for what collector likes to see a cherished stamp of considerable worth fall down to the level of the easily attainable specimen? Of course our wiseacres will say that the collector of ordinary intelligence would have perceived that official seals were not worthy of attention, and, if possessing a specimen, disposed of it in time.

We notice in Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, dated December 3d, in "California Notes," that "K. Narca" takes a position regarding the late outcry against minor varieties which we must commend, inasmuch as it agrees with previous editorials we have presented on the subject. We are of the opinion that the stamp-collecting public will come to its senses about this thing some day, and if the "boy collector," now very much in evidence, wishes to pay attention to such details as watermarks, dies, papers, and such, he will be allowed to do so in peace, and, perchance, even be assisted in his labors.

In the same issue of the abovementioned paper S. B. Hopkins reviews The Philatelic Literaturist, and makes use of the opportunity to dub literature collectors as "accumulators of stamp papers." We are rather glad that we do not collect philatelic literature, for we should dislike being alluded to as an "accumulator."

We must commend the plan of marking the date purchased and price paid on the back of the stamp, or, if preferred, upon the hinge

which attaches it to the album page. Such a system forms a valuable reference and well repays the collector who takes the time to so mark his specimens. New mounts recently advertised have provision made on their backs for such work, and should meet with favor.

How our ideals fall! Men whom we held in considerable esteem and regarded as worthy of any confidence exposed as frauds and thieves. We have in mind recent occurrences in one of our leading societies, where one man was expelled for nothing less than thievery from the exchange books of the society. This man is well known in stamp circles, and previous to this occurrence was regarded as perfectly reliable, but now collectors must recognize their error. Such things lead us to wonder who can we trust and who must we cast suspicious glances upon in these days of wholesale thievery. Temptations beset the collector upon all sides, and even the most upright are liable to err. It is only a matter of time until the dishonest are exposed, but how much damage they may do before they are found out. A man may enter into philately and in a few years build up a reputation and establish himself as honest and reliable. Dealers will accommodate him and collectors place confidence in him. Then he is in a position to do inconceivable damage in a few short months, both to the pocketbooks and stocks of the dealers and collectors. Thus are our idols destroyed.

Well, the long expected has happened. The Daily Stamp Item, beloved child of an office cat, has expired. Considerable credit is due the Messrs. Mekeel for their fair trial of the merits of such a publication. We have our doubts as to whether any other firm or individual could or would have persisted as long. Peace to its ashes!

From all reports our dealers do not appear to be purchasing old collections with any great avidity. A collector recently desired to dispose of his collection, numbering 4,000 varieties, and met with curt refusals from five different dealers, the sixth man to whom he offered it only taking it at a ruinously low figure, declaring then that he would lose money on the transaction. Perchance the dealers have leagued together and agreed to refuse to purchase collections, thus compelling the collector to keep his collection, or to refuse to sell it for the low offers small dealers might tender him.

The publishers of this paper have not caught the premium fever that seems to have attacked some of our esteemed contemporaries so severely that it has caused them to make wonderful offers to new subscribers. We do not understand how collectors can think well of the man who will offer a set or packet of stamps "catalogued at $1.50" and a year's subscription for 25 cents. How any sensible collector can allow himself to be taken in in this manner is beyond our ken. We have offered,

it is true, hand-books and advertising space for new subscribers, but our eagerness to enlarge our subscription lists have never, and, we hope, never will lead us to make transparent offers of the same character as the one above mentioned. It certainly must appear reasonable to advertisers that a publication whose subscribers are composed of that class of collectors who hasten to take advantage of such offers is not the advertising medium from which they can expect the best results; such collectors belong to one of two classes; they either desire the earth with a fence around it, and the dealer would make small profit in his transactions with them, or they belong to the unintelligent, gullible class whom the unscrupulous could dupe, perchance, but with whom the honest dealer would not wish to do business.

"THE DECADENCE OF PHILATELY."

Despite the fact that recent articles going the rounds of the newspapers, stating that philately or "stamp-collecting" is "rapidly dying out" and "will soon be but a memory," etc., etc., have been alluded to in our philatelic publications as false and unreliable, we know of at least two cases wherein said articles "took effect," as it were, and two collectors were ready to dispose of their stamps. They had became possessed of a great fear that prices were going to drop, inspired, no doubt, by just such articles as those mentioned above, and were endeavoring to sell their collections before the anticipated lowering of prices came. Happily, those whom they approached soon caused them to perceive the fallacy of such stories, and now they are glad, no doubt, that they retained their albums. It seems to be a queer but unexplainable fact that the American people are always ready, aye, eager, to believe newspaper stories regarding the decline of philately, crimes resulting from either the criminal or victim being a collector, and other trash of a like nature, but articles anent philatelic prosperity, finds of rare stamps, benefits and pleasures of collecting, values, etc., are regarded with suspicion and received with scorn, as a rule. We believe that it were far better for those interested in stamps to make some kind of an effort to stop such business as this, if such a scheme is feasable, than to be eternally quarreling about Seebecks, specialism, minor varieties, and such matters. There must be a source to every spring; most of these misleading articles that appear in the Associated Press matter probably emanate from the same man; locate the source and the rest is easy. Good reasonable articles on stamps, noted for their perspicuity, are valuable to give the newspaper-loving public, but if it is possible to put a stop to the publication of all articles pertaining to stamps, whether good or bad, and thereby prevent the appearance of the ruinous type mentioned, it would be well. The remedy for the evil is apparent to all; the mode of application is not so easily determined.

ED. H. WILKINSON.

BY THE BUSINESS MANAGER.

We would like to have readers inquire at their postoffices and see what stamps of different values are on sale. If any, you think, are not common, would be glad to publish list, and by so doing, help each other.

We will give a cut next month of sanctum of one of leading papers we receive. Well worth subscription price.

Our advertising rates are well worth price asked, and will make a special inducement to parties that is worth sending stamp for as will surprise you.

A boom is being made in connection with stamp meet to hold a stamp exhibition at Omaha during the great Trans-Mississippi Exposition in 1898.

Most of our readers are cyclists and we would advise them to send to the Inter-State Cycler of Des Moines, Iowa, and see copy of paper starting first weekly west of Chicago.

Notice in Bicycling World, of Boston, Mass. (oldest cycling paper of U. S.) their Chicago representative speaks regards special delivery or rush letters. As postmasters or carriers receive 8 cents for each letter, before cycles were used cost of street car was more, or walk, and since cycles, when wheel is paid for, is net gain and more prompt.

It may not be known that all mail matter in U. S. except first class is not sent because of insufficient postage and is generally opened to see what they contain or sent to dead letter office, as about Xmas time is a number sent to foreign countries, and notice list of names to whom sent in daily papers, held as even first class; when sent postage is double on other end outside of U. S., as just received cycle paper of Australia with postage due, being first paper outside of U. S. I ever received for want of postage, but letters without number.

The '96 Year Book of A. P. A. just received and is out the quickest since I have been a member, and can thank Joe Beard for same I believe, as he is a hustler. Is something every member is anxious to see and if illustrated am sure would take better.

I have received State Directory of California, Facts Pub. Co., Riverside, Cal.; Kentucky by H. Burba, Hodgeville, Ky.; Texas by E. W. Hensinger, San Antonio, Tex. Write publishers for particulars. Reports of Birmingham Phil. Society, 208 Birchfield Rd., Bir'g'm, Eng., Aberdeen Phil. Society, 73 Loanherd Terrace, Aberdeen, Scotland; City of London Phil. Club, 42 Strahan Rd. Bow London, E. England. Can get above reports by writing secretaries at above addresses. Mekeel's address Book circulars for St. Louis, Mo. Price lists of F. M. Thomas, 2810 Finney Ave., St. Louis, Mo.; J. F. Starr Stamp Co. Coldwater, Mich., H. E. Morey 31 Exchange St., Room 1, Boston, Mass.; Rayner Hubbell Stamp Co., 22 Palace Arcade, Buffalo, N. Y.; C. W. Lawton, Patterson Mills, Pa.; H. D. Ruehlman Sharon, Wis.; E. T. Parker Bethlehem, Pa.; Joe F. Beard, Muscatine, Ia., A. C. Townsend, Loan & Trust Bldg., Washington, D. C.; J. Krebs, 78 Nassau St. N. Y., and '97 Calendar of Hurtig Bros. 626 Broadway, N. Y. Of foreign dealers: W. Wood & Co., South Tottenham, Middlesex, England; Geo. C. Grinn, 16 Baronet Rd., Tottenham London England; C. J. Smith, St. Neots, Upper Park Rd., Kingston Hill, Surrey, England. Bright & Son, The Arcade, Bournemouth, England; William Ridout, 99 Strand, London, W. C., England; A. E. Cook, Box 136, H. I. Auction Catalogue of J. W. Scott, 40 John St., N. Y.; B. L. Shaw, 23 Comet St., Boston, Mass.; G. R. Tuttle, 520 Summer

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CANADIAN REVENUES.

S. P. HUGHES.

(Began in October Number.)

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The first *Law Stamps* for this province were authorized and issued in 1884. As far as I know only the four values and five varieties mentioned in this article have as yet made their appearance. The design is very similar to those of *British Columbia*—figure of Justice holding balance in right hand, sword in left. The value expressed both in words and figures at bottom of stamp. The first issue consists of a 10, 20, 50 cents and $2.00, all printed in blue. In 1887 the government reissued the 20c stamp and printed it in red, thus making the fifth variety.

MANITOBA.

Manitoba fell into line in 1887, when her first issue of Law Stamps appeared. The set consists of six values and about fifty varieties.

The design of the 10, 20, 25 and 50c were all similar, and all values were printed in green. The general design was similar to the other provincial *Law Stamps*—full length figure of Justice holding a pair of balances and sword. In the cent values the words *"Manitoba Law Stamp"* is across the top in two curved lines, while the value is expressed in large numerals at either lower corner, with word *cents* between.

The difference in the dollar values was in the wording of the value. At either upper corner, value expressed in numerals, with $ sign, also word *Dollar* between, just below this word *Manitoba*, and between frame surrounding Justice and bottom of stamp words *Law Stamp*. All the Manitoba *Law Stamps* were surcharged for special use. The surcharges meaning as follows: L. S., Law Societies; J. F., Judges Fees; C. F., Court Fees; and B. F., Bailiff's Fees. In 1888 the entire set was reissued, but with no change in design of stamp.

QUEBEC.

The first time Quebec came to make use of *Law Stamps* was in 1864. Having no issue of her own, the Upper Canada (Ontario) stamps were surcharged "L. C." (Lower Canada) in red. By some these stamps are considered as a distinct and separate issue, but being identical with the Ontario stamps can hardly be considered as such. The set consisted of fourteen varieties, and all values as used in Ontario. In 1870 these L. C. stamps went out of use, and were followed by a regular issue for this province, somewhat similar to the stamps issued for Ontario in the same year. The figure of Justice within an oval topped rectangular frame 14x26 mm., the size of stamp being 27x47 mm., perforated 12. The words *"Law Stamp"* at top of stamp 22 mm. in length, *"Quebec"* at bottom

13 mm. in length. The value of the denominations under $1.00 expressed in large numerals in curved line just below the words *"Law Stamp,"* and is followed by the word *"Cents."* Those not having word *"Cents"* spelled out in full have an abbreviation *"Cts"* separated from the numeral by an ornament about 2 mm. wide, and resting just on top of frame surrounding Justice. The design of the dollar values, as with other provinces, was somewhat different. On either side of central frame, instead of scroll work, as in the lower values, these stamps had *"Quebec"* and *"Province."* Words *"Law Stamp"* at top in straight line, figures of value and word *"Dollar"* just below. Of the first issue the 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80 and 90c issues were red, the dollar values dark blue; then the cent values were changed to vermillion, and the dollar values to light blue.

In 1880 three new values were added, 10, 20 and 30 dollars, thus making a total of sixteen values and thirty varieties. The colors of these last stamps were: $10, yellow; $20, green, and $30, brown. The government finding the $10 adequate for all purposes, only issued a few sheets of the higher values, hence they are very scarce.

In 1866 Quebec issued a *"Law Registration"* stamp, which was used on all papers filed in registry offices. The first issue of 1866 consisted of three values, and six varieties. These stamps were about square in size, with design much different from any revenue yet issued. The value expressed in large white figures occupied center of stamp surrounded by *"Registration, Lower Canada."* A leaf ornament in each corner of stamp, and between ornaments at bottom was word *"Cents."* The three first values —3, 15 and 30 cents were printed in brown, the succeeding ones of the same issue printed in vermillion.

(CONCLUDED NEXT MONTH.)

U. S. REVENUES.

During the past summer, while examining the business papers of one of our older merchants, recently deceased, I found some revenue stamps entirely new to me. I consulted what catalogues were available and found no reference to them. I then sent specimens of them to Chief Engineer Eaton, U. S. N., a collector of many years and owner of a superb collection of stamps. He wrote that he had heard of these stamps, but had until my letter never seen one.

The stamps are two cents and are for receipts. There are two varieties, differing only in that one has at the bottom the sentence in two lines, "Good when issued for the payment of money." The stamps—made in the paper like the checks so long in use—are of orange tint. They are oblong, the smaller 30x45 mm., the large 30x50 mm. The oblong has an oval—two arcs concave to each other and making a sharp point above and below. In the upper angle of this oval is the monogram "U. S." Below is a shield having on upper rim "Internal Revenue," below an eagle with spread wings and underneath in a straight label "Two Cents." Still below is the numeral "2." None of these were found prior to 1869 or subsequent to 1870. They were adapted to the use of firms having an extensive trade requiring many stamped receipts. They were probably used in the large cities for a short time. They are well executed and seem worthy some attention.

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The Postmaster General of British Central Africa states that none of the revenue stamps of that country were ever used postally. Prominent English dealers, however, are still prone to believe that some of these fiscals did do postal duty.

A collector sends in the following to an English paper: "History informs us that it was in the year 1855 that Victoria, Queen of Great Britain, first used garters, they then being of small size. During the next year, she used the medium size; but in the following year (1857) she was obliged to use the large size." It might be well to state that these remarks referred to the watermarks on certain Great Britain stamps.

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From the Philatelic Record we clip the following classification of collectors, according to a German writer:

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4. Important collectors (collections worth $25,000 to $50,000).
5. Prominent collectors (collections worth over $50,000).
6. "Hors pair" or "hors ligre" (collections worth over 250,000).

Truly, some of our foreign brethren have queer notions.



Professor Philatelicus' Black List.

The *London Philatelist* gives light to a wonderfully ingenious swindle in connection with the Naples ½ tornese blue cross. The perpetrators took used genuine specimens of the common values of the pink Naples stamps, and removed the color by some chemical process, and substituted their forged blue ½ tornese, thus obtaining the forgeries on the original paper.

NEBRASKA'S PRIDE.

The Nebraska Philatelic Society. Organized 1892.



President—Wm. B. Hopson, 1109 S. 28th St., Omaha.
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Committee Director E. W. Fitt, Box 1126, Plattsmouth.
Trustees Hopson, Thurston and Pyburn.
Official Organ The Philatelic West.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

By this time we receive the resignation of our president, Fred B. Woolston, and we are loth to give him up, being as he was our leader and chief worker for the welfare of our society and the securing of the convention for Omaha for 1898. He says that owing to the pressure of other business he is unable to attend to the duties of the office.

I wish to call your attention to your dues. If they are not paid up for 1897, kindly forward the same to the Secretary-Treasurer as early as possible.

Let every member try and secure at least one new application for membership during 1897, and thus keep our society still in the lead as being the oldest, largest and best state organization in the country.

WM. B. HOPSON.

WM. B. HOPSON, Vice President and Chairman Executive Committee N. P. S.:

Dear Sir—I hereby tender my resignation as president of Nebraska Philatelic Society. Same to take effect at once.

Yours truly, FRED B. WOOLSTON.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Have received since last report, the remainder of the library. It now numbers about 1,200 pieces. Have prepared a list of all papers. May be had for a 2-cent stamp and returned in three days.

R. L. SHEPARD,
2004 Wirt St., Omaha, Neb. Librarian.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

New Member—123. G. C. Doehling, Bruno.

Resignation Received—128. A. Pilley, Thayer.

Applications for Membership—F. A. Stanbro, Syracuse; reference, F. T. Shepard. Geo. Koechnke, Box 1217, Plattsmouth; reference, E. W. Fitt. Above applicants will be admitted if no objections are filed within two weeks.

PAY YOUR DUES.

Notices have been sent to all members in arrears for dues, and only a very few have answered such notices. If you received a card please forward your dues at once, as this is the last number of the official organ you will receive till your dues are paid. Remit at once and so receive your official organ promptly.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

My address is now The Cairo, Washington, D. C. This is not a permanent removal of residence, but only a temporary one. I will only be away from Omaha a couple of months and will conduct the affairs of the Secretary's office as easily and promptly as if in Omaha. Wishing the society a prosperous year and the accession of many new members, Fraternally yours,

CLARENCE L. THURSTON,
The Cairo, Washington, D. C. Secretary.

Entertainment Fund for '98 Conventions.

In order to make a good showing for Omaha at Atlantic City and Boston next summer it has been suggested that we raise a fund for the entertainment of the visiting stampites in case Omaha captures the '98 convention. The following have subscribed the amounts set opposite their names:

L. T. Brodstone	$5.00.
Clarence L. Thurston	5.00.
Fred B. Woolston	5.00.
W. B. Hopson	5.00.
C. Pyburn	2.00.
Louis J. Kramer of Iowa	2.00.
S. P. Hughes	5.00.
S. W. Hacker	5.00.
R. L. Shepard	5.00.
W. F. Hendricks	5.00.
C. Eddy	5.00.
E. L. Platz	5.00.
Dan D. Doolittle	2.00.
Eben S. Martin of Minn.	5.00.
Moses B. Page of Iowa	2.00.

This amount payable July 1st, 1898, if we get the convention. Members wishing to subscribe will please send name and amount to Secretary, or this paper. No subscription for less than $1.00 will be received

EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

In another column will be noticed a list of stamps offered for sale by this department. There is but one stamp in each case and the first person sending cash for same will receive stamp. If this first sale receives the support it should, they will be continued in each issue.

The department is in a very prosperous condition with over 50 books in circulation

valued at over $400.00. All the members are requested to give the department a trial, as a large amount of support at the present time is coming from outsiders who find they can buy cheaper from circuit books than from any other source.

S. P. HUGHES.

COUNTERFEIT DETECTOR'S REPORT.

The Counterfeit Detector has not been getting in much fine work on counterfeits this term, chiefly because the members of the N. P. S. either are not aware of the existence of such an individual or prefer to ignore the usefulness of the information which may possibly be derived. Perhaps there are no counterfeits in Nebraska, or that they are so evident that any one can discern them. However, it has occurred to me that the N. P. S. could make good use of the department in this way. If each member who has any counterfeits which he does not want will send them to me, I will mount them in a small album and with those I have already on hand form the nucleus of a counterfeit collection to be the property of the N. P. S. and to be handed over by each officer to his successor at the end of each term, and if necessary it could be mailed to any member on advance postage for his or her inspection.

I think it would be quite an interesting album after awhile, and would be the means of keeping us acquainted with many of the frauds in stamps extant. Some of the worst are those printed early in the seventies, and are found in all old albums.

So far only one member has sent in a specimen for examination. A report was made thereon, but have heard nothing since from him.

It will afford us great pleasure to examine your specimens and when sending them in please enclose return postage.

E. W. FITT,
Counterfeit Detector.

A WORD WITH ADVERTISERS.

It is a well-known fact that the advertiser first in the field is the one who will reap the harvest. If he can cause his advertisements to circulate among a class of purchasers who rarely see a philatelic paper he reaches the most liberal purchasers known. By keeping his advertisement constantly in circulation among such people, he secures a permanent, paying trade.

Residing in the west, in Nebraska and surrounding states, are hundreds of collectors to whom practical philately is yet unknown, save by perhaps an occasional stray sample copy or dealer's price list. Among these are numerous collectors who can well be termed "advanced," who are always willing to purchase good stamps, and there are also collectors by the score who only possess small collections but are only awaiting the opportunity to buy and increase their varieties.

THE PHILATELIC WEST offers to advertisers a never before equalled opportunity to reach such collectors as the above. It circulates more extensively among them than any paper published. A long list of the collectors residing in Nebraska and the surrounding states, compiled with care by the personal efforts of collectors traveling over this territory, is owned by the publishers of this paper. The names in this list are only of those known to be actively engaged in collecting. Over one half of these are collectors who know nothing whatever of the great world of philately. These names have been secured at some expense in the only way possible by personal inquiry in the various towns of these western states. To the enterprising advertiser, THE PHILATELIC WEST offers the means, at the appended low rates, whereby to reach these collectors. Can you afford to let the opportunity pass without grasping it?

OUR ILLUSTRATION.

Sanctum of The Weakly Bug, Mechanicville, N. Y. "Who enter here leave hope behind."

This poem is writ without a name
It's used our picture to explain.

In many sanctums this sign you'll find.
"Who enter here leave hope behind."

'Tis so with ours, O! reader dear,
For there is nothing that we fear

His troubled brow one editor robs,
He's writing a poem on D. J. Hubbs.

If he should fall in Hubbs' clutches,
He'll have use for those idle crutches.

The other imp, with shears in hand,
Is writing editorials from every land.

And in the background you will spy
The fighting editor, handy by.

With ax and ball club, lying near,
We'll kill the first who enter here

While even the dove is trying to lug
A heaven-sent message: "Read The Bug.

A LONGFELLOW.

The above best explains it. G. W. Tilly, Jr., and G. W. Way are ones sitting down; the other party is Steve O'Donell, the fighting editor.

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We have received "The Inside History of the Late P. S. of A. Campaign," by S. M. Hamilton. It is full of interesting matter, and no up-to-date collector should be without it.

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Our circulation continues to increase in a very satisfactory manner

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A writer on the Evergreen Philatelist alludes to philately as "a branch of Demonology." This is a new one. We have had science, art and hobby, and now its "a branch of Demonology." Our dictionary says demonology is "a treatise on evil spirits." Will the author of the phrase elucidate.

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Some department stamps may be scarcer used than unused, but it occurs to us that it would not be wise to price them higher. Easy enough to transform the unused into a used specimen.

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'Tis rumored that the Philatelic Literature Society is not as great a success as it should be. One member says if more efficient officers were at the head of its affairs it would be more prosperous.

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Several of our patrons have registered complaints against K. Toda, a Japanese dealer whose advertisements recently appeared in THE PHILATELIC WEST. We are endeavoring to ascertain his standing, and have cut out his advertisements until something definite is known.

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The A. P. A. directors are carrying out the wishes of the last convention in regards to abolishing cummlative voting, a commitee having been appointed to ascertain the corporation laws of various states.

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Plate numbers have suffered material reductions in the recent plate number catalogue. If the publishers of our standard catalogue would follow the good example set and cut down prices to their proper level, it would be well. As it is, this

standard catalogue is full of inflated values, and the queer part of the business is that live collectors know it, dealers know it, and the publishers know it. Fifty and forty per cent less than catalogue is a common reduction. This being true, how eminently proper it would be to set those prices down that are so inflated.

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The collector of today has two values he places on a stamp. Before it is purchased, it is considerable less than its catalogue price. After it is secured and placed in his collection, its value is full catalogue price. And then how hard it is for him, if disposing of his collection, to have to part with it at a small per cent. of its catalogue value, though why he should expect to receive anywhere near the catalogue value is a mystery.

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It must be that the one thing lacking to make stamp-collecting as lively as it once was is that same mysterious element needed to awaken to new activity the general business interests of our country. "Confidence restored" and we will again see prosperous stamp collecting. Despite statements made endeavoring to show that collecting is in a healthy condition, dealers every place can be heard complaining of poor trade. Some of our papers, in an honest effort, perhaps, to improve a poor outlook, are scoffing at this fact, but we must admit its truth. We, of course, would not mention names, but suffice it to say that personal conversation with prominent dealers by correspondents and by ourselves compel us to admit that collecting is not what it should be. We look for a noticeable improvement, but can not expect it for some time.

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"The Cambrian Stamp Exchange Club," an English institution, charge no commission on sales, but their accounts are "settled every three months at half marked prices." A novel idea, truly, but American collectors would be averse to such a system. Its disadvantages, especially to the purchaser, are obvious.

BUSINESS MANAGER SAYS

Sorry to say we have several ads not paid for, and if this is marked you may know you are on the list of names to be published in the next number if not paid, as we have given all plenty of time to settle.

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Joe Beard's price list is well worth sending for, as can be seen by his page ad. His prices are cheap.

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Auction sales catalogues still coming. P. P. Wolsieffer and Chicago Society of Chicago, G. R. Tuttle and Scott Stamp & Coin Co. of New York, Baltimore Society by H. Jenkins of Baltimore, Md., are main ones received this last month. It will be well to write above for catalogues of future sales.

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J. M. Bartels of Washington, D.C., 2d edition of Plate No. Catalogue, is far ahead of the last one and is well worth the price asked

R. H. Bruce of Middletown, Conn., Dealer's Directory is neat, and the printer's work is ahead of most we have seen this year.

C. F. Rothfuchs of Washington, D. C., Nos. 1 and 2 price lists are as good as a catalogue, and the prices as usual.

E. A. Steigler of Denver, Colo., kindly sent a Colorado Address Book, and F. Sanborn a copy of Bruce's Directory.

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Price lists of A. C. Townsend, Washington, D. C.; R. L. Shepard, Omaha, Neb.; Phœnix Stamp Co., Holdrege, Neb.; C. M. Goonewardene, Wellawatha, Ceylon; H. Hashworth & Co., 63 Brown St., Manchester England, J. Klebs, 7 Nassau St., New York; New England Stamp Co., 265 Washington St., Boston, Mass.

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Notice ad. of Viking Stamp Co. of Chicago. He is always pleased to see any collectors or dealers of his city or any visitors coming to the city. They have a local society in his neighborhood, with some fine collections, which it would be worth your while to see.

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H. R. Cooper, Jr., of Orange California, has issued a little book on Philately, Philatelists and Press. It will pay advertisers to send for it.

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Notice removal of our friend dealers in England, of Jaggard & Co. to 39 Renshaw St., Liverpool.

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I wish to state to members of N. P. S. that no money has been received from the Secretary for the organ. If you do not receive numbers you may know that I have not been paid, as there have been numerous complaints about marked copies. See?

MY COLLECTION.

BY J. C. LONG.

In the spring of 1892 I became interested in stamps through a lady friend who asked me for permission to cut off the postage stamps on all our old letters. My father was a great correspondent in his younger days, and from 1850 to 1870 wrote several letters a week. He always saved all old letters, and by the time I got around and hunted them up I found about a bushel. Having no knowledge of stamps or their value, doubtless I let many scarce stamps slip through my fingers. Shortly afterward I caught the fever, and was soon collecting with a vim that would do credit to any school boy. At first my specialties were the Central American countries, Mexico and the United States. At that time there was no tabooing of Seebecks as now, and I had no knowledge of them. I soon learned their history and disposed of them. Later, I dropped Mexico, and now have only the United States left.

When I began collecting, I only put unused copies in my album, but my pocket book wouldn't stand it. Gradually I got rid of my unused stamps and replaced them with lightly cancelled copies. I think these are nearly as handsome and they carry with them the evidence of having done something. Being one of these poor "church mice" collectors, I haven't any 90c '69 or $20.00 state, but have many desirable copies of good stamps obtained through friends. Most of my collection has been formed through

exchanging, and this is a desirable way of acquiring new specimens when both parties are not bent on getting something for nothing.

Well can I remember my first registered letter. On going for my mail the postmaster said he had a special package and got out his registry book. With feelings of wonder and excitement I managed to scratch my name so he could read it. He then gave me the letter prepaid with four 3c 1890. It was the handsomest letter I had ever received. I kept it a long time to show my friends. It contained a good many fine stamps which found a resting place in my album.

In looking over my entire envelopes I find some curious addresses written during the war. One reads like this: "To Jas. H. Reagan, Sam Clage and others, Athens, Tenn." Probably there were no organized companies at that date. Should a postmaster receive such an address now-a days he would have some trouble delivering it.

In conclusion I must add that my stamps are always a source of amusement and pleasure, never growing old or losing any of their interest.

COMMENTS UPON JAPAN.

E. B. HORN, JR.

Not long ago I was shown a philatelic paper that was printed in Chinese. It was as curious as a laundry check, but nevertheless it was philatelic. It contained evidently some valuable (?) news, and from appearance I should say that it contained about four advertising pages.

Speaking of China calls to my mind a curious yet true belief of the Japanese. This following item was related to me by a friend recently returned from Japan. Their recently issued set of Jubilee stamps has, we understand, been the occasion of the devotion to the subject of considerable valuable space in their daily and weekly papers. But to make a long story short, we'll say that the point of this discussion consisted of two facts. First, the people were very much dissatisfied with the stamps because it was considered by them to be a disgrace for the general whose portrait appeared upon the stamp to have "his face" circulated all over the country, and to have "his face" stamped by the ugly cancelling machine. Second, one general's face was printed on the two-cent specimen, and another general's was printed on the five cent stamp. Some considered it more of an honor for the general whose portrait was on the five-cent value, because the denomination was higher, and on the other hand some arbitrated that the general on the two-cent stamp was more highly honored because the two-cent value would necessarily have a larger circulation than the five-cent. Consequently to remedy this latter disagreement two sets were issued, with the same portrait on the two and five of one set, and the other portrait appeared in the same fashion on the other set. Yet there was much discontent over this issue on account of other such odd ideas. Verily, the Japanese are a curious race.

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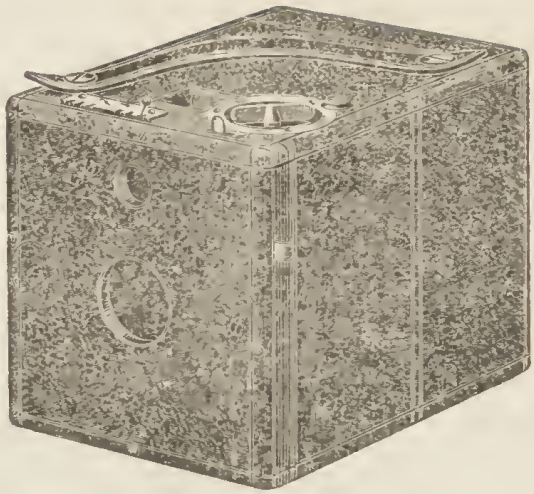
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6	Newfoundland, 5c, blue, 1876, rouletted	.50
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8	U. S., 1872, 24c, good color	1.10
9	Nova Scotia, 10c, vermillion	1.00
10	U. S., 5c, '47, fine pair	1.20
11	U. S., 15c, 1870, fine copy with grill	4.00
12*	U. S. $1.00, 1894, no watermark	1.25
13	Mexico, 1856, 8 reales, fine copy	2.50
14	Arg. Rep., 1892, Peso, set fine copies	.90
15	C. S. A., 2c, rose, Charleston postmark	1.00
16	P. E. I., 3c, rose, on cover, fair copy	2.00
17	Canada, 3c, 1870, fine copy, laid paper	1.75
18	U. S. Rev., 50c, prob. of will, cat. $2.00	1.00
19	Nova Scotia, 1851, 3d, blue, on cover	1.25
20*	Virgin Island, 1p., green, fine	1.40
21	U. S., 5c, 1847	.45
22	" 10c, 1851	.55
23	" 10c, 1860, perf. off one side	1.25
24	" 24c, red lilac, 1861	.80
25	" 30c, 1861	.30
26	" 5c, red brown, 1862, tear in top	1.25
27	" 10c, 1867, grill	.50
28	" 15c, " "	.80
29	" 24c, " " few perf. gone	2.25
30	" 1c, 1869	.40
31	" 6c, "	.45
32	" 10c, "	.55
33	" 24c, 1871, not embossed	1.10
34	" 90c, 1879	.65
35	" 90c, 1888	.65
36	" 90c, 1890	.45
37*	" $5.00, unwat., 1894	5.60
38	" $1.00, " "	1.10
39	" $2.00, " "	1.50
40*	" 30c, p. due, brown, 1879	1.25
41*	" 50c, " light claret, 1889	1.00
42*	" 30c, " unwat. 1894	.50
43*	" 50c, " " "	1.10
44	" 1c, Navy dept.	.80
45	" 90c, Int. " perf. 3 sides	1.25
46*	" 90c, Treas. " no gum	1.10
47	" 90c, " "	.60
48*	" 24c, War "	.40
49	" Rev., 2c certif., blue, all are perf. all around	.55
50	" " 2c certif., orange, perf.	.40
51	" " 2c play. card, orange, small hole in center	.60
52	" " 5c play. card	.45
53	" " 5c proprietary	.85
54	" " 10c "	.85
55	" " 15c For. exchange	.55
56	" " 25c warehouse receipt	.50
57	" " 30c for. exchange	1.10
58	" " 50c lease	.40
59	" " 50c prob. of will	.90
60	" " $1.00 manifest	.55
61	" " $1.00 mortgage	1.85
62	" " $1.00 prob. of will	.70
63	" " $1.30 for. exchange	.70
64	" " $2.00 prob. of will	.85
65	" " $3.50 inl. exchange	1.10
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67	" " $10.00 charter party	.50
68	" " $10.00 mortgage	.85
69	" " $10.00 prob. of will	.75
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" " 90c, 10 on covers, fine ...	6.00	3.50
" " Newspaper, 3c, ...	.25	.15
" " " 6c, ...	.75	.50
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" 84, Mortgage	.25	.15
" 87, Charter Party ...	.25	.15
" 88, Manifest	.35	.22
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95	[illegible]	10 00	4 00
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113	12c green, '69		50
114	15c brown and blue, '69		3 00
115	15c brown and blue, '69		1 30
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117	30c blue and carmine, '69		2 50
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132	1c grilled, '70	4 00	35
133	2c grilled, '70		10
134	3c grilled, '70		02
135	6c grilled, '70		2 50
139	15c grilled, '70		5 00
146	1c ultramarine, '70	2 00	10
147	2c red-brown, '70		02
148	3c green, '70	1 50	02
549	5c carmine, '70	3 00	10
110	7c vermilion, '70		45
451	10c brown, '70		15
152	12c dark purple, '70		50
154	24c purple, '70	12 60	1 00
155	30c black, '70	7 00	40
156	90c carmine, '70	7 00	1 00
157	1c blue, '73	90	03
158	2c dark brown, '73		03
159	3c green, '73	50	01
160	6c pink, '73	80	06
161	7c vermilion, '73		50
162	10c brown, '73		04
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184	2c vermilion, 1879	15	01
186	5c blue, 1879		03
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189	15c red orange, 1879	35	10
190	30c black, 1879	1 40	10
191	90c carmine, 1879		70
196	5c brown, Garfield, 1882		01
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199	6c red, Re-engraved	90	
200	10c brown, Re-engraved	30	01
201	10c black-brown, Re-engraved		15
202	2c claret, 1883	05	01
203	4c green, 1883	10	01
204	2c green, 1887	05	01
205	3c vermilion, 1887	10	05
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207	4c carmine	10	03
208	5c blue	30	01
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CANADIAN REVENUES.

S. P. HUGHES.

(Began in October Number.)

QUEBEC CONTINUED.

In 1871 these stamps were reissued, design was changed, also the color, which was in green. Size of stamp, 22x30 mm., perforated 12. This series of stamps is found perforated very irregularly, often with very wide margins and again with no margins at all. Design was a beaver facing to left in circle, 19 mm. wide; at top in straight line word *Registration*, 20 mm. in length; just below *Quebec* in curved line, while at either end was value in figures; the value also expressed in words in straight line at bottom 20 mm. in length. These last six varieties might be considered by some as only three, as the only difference is in the light and dark shade of green.

ASSURANCE STAMPS.

In 1876 Quebec issued a set of Assurance stamps. The design consisted of the word *Quebec* in an oval frame 18 mm. in length, *Assurance License Stamp* just above in two curved and one straight line. Just below frame is value in figures, also expressed in words at bottom of stamp. The set consists of fifteen values, and as many varieties. The 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 cent values were green, the 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 dollar values in lilac.

LICENSES.

In 1889 Quebec issued a $2.00 brown stamp to be used in the transfer of licenses, and as far as I know is still in use, as no other has ever been issued. In size the stamp is about 25x45 mm. At top of stamp in curved line is word *Licenses*. In center of stamp is a large numeral 2, just above word *Two* and below word *Dollars*. *Quebec* at bottom of stamp in an oblong frame.

There are a number of other Canadian revenues, but for various reasons they will not be given now, but taken up at some future date.

(THE END.)

SEEBECKS AND THE BEGINNER.

W. HACKER, AUBURN, NEB.

Being a reader of the Post Office, the article in the December number entitled the "Hope of Philately" by Mr. Capen, interested me very much, as indeed does all of this gentlemen's writings. And yet there are certain parts of it to which I must take exceptions.

Speaking of discouragements to beginners, he says: "The principal one is the calling of certain stamps which are most pleasing and attractive to the young 'rubbish.' The young collector who has filled certain spaces in his album at a considerable expense for his limited means, does not feel happy when

one to whose opinion he defers, speaks slightingly of his acquisitions. The agitation against Seebeck issues has done more to injure collecting than the issues themselves could have done by any possibility. It is to be hoped that the talk * * against all the most attractive stamps * * will die out."

Now I, for one, fail to see why Seebecks should be let alone. I do not believe that the young collector would be benefited thereby, but rather injured, and I can see no one who would be benefited unless it is the manufacturer of and dealer in such goods.

For in the first place the "beginner," if he ever does any good to philately, must some day become a "collector," and he will then find out that the stuff he has been spending money for, is trash. Will he feel any better then than if he had found it out at first? It seems to me that his disgust will be in proportion to the time and money he has fooled away upon them. If there would be risk that he would give up at first, there would be much more risk at a later date.

But if the young collector is informed of the character of these stamps before he has spent much money on them, he will not be discouraged; on the other hand, if he has the true spirit of the collector, if he has in him the making of a philatelist, if he will ever be of any benefit to our hobby, he will take pride in gaining knowledge and displaying it in making discriminations between trash and stamps worthy of his attention.

I can well remember my own experience with this trash. I had been collecting for a few months, and of course had been buying a lot of these "cheap and pretty" stamps. I had in my possession one day a lot of approval sheets filled with Seebecks and reprints, from which I was making some selections, when a brother collector, Rev. Whitmer, dropped in on me and gave me a hint as to their character. Well, of course I felt disgusted with the dealer who furnished me the trash, but did not feel discouraged, nor have less love, but rather more, for the genuine stamp. I also know of other similar cases, where the beginner, while spurning the Seebecks and reprints, did not get discouraged and give up collecting. It is safe to say, however, that the dealer who imposed upon us with such trash sold us no more stamps.

Mr. Capen urges upon all collectors to do all they can to induce others, especially the young, to begin collecting. If we are to be the instruments of interesting others in our hobby, why not at the same time warn them of the character of Seebecks, just as we would of counterfeits, and then any danger of future trouble, even if any exists, will be avoided.

But there is another phase to this matter. If we ought to be quiet about Seebecks so as not to discourage or injure the young collector, why not apply the same reasoning to reprints and counterfeits? Seebecks, in the form we usually get them, are not stamps. In my opinion, they rank with reprints. They

were never intended to do postal duty, but to sell to the collector; never went, nor were even intended to go, to the country from which they are supposed to be issued, but were intended like reprints to fleece the collector. Now Mr. Capen is certainly not in favor of reprints and counterfeits masquerading in the character of genuine stamps! Why, then, Seebecks? Is there not just as much sense, just as much logic, just as much honesty in one as the other?

The fact is, a fraud is a fraud; a counterfeit is a counterfeit; a reprint is a reprint; trash is trash; truth is truth; and a Seebeck is a Seebeck, and all the whitewashing in the world cannot change its character nor can all the silence, either.

Now I am not saying that one should not collect Seebecks. I have no right to do that. I collect postally used copies, and even others if they happen to come in my way without costing me anything, just as I do reprints. But for pity's sake let us be honest with the beginner and not deceive and defraud him, or cause him to be defrauded.

If you knowingly sell me a counterfeit for a genuine stamp, you are dishonest. If you purposely sell me a reprint for an original, you are a fraud. And if I sell you a Seebeck and leave you ignorant of its character, I certainly should be placed in the same category.

Then let the young collector know the character of the goods he is buying, and do not leave him the opportunity to charge us some day with having been dishonest.

The Brief Story of My Stamp Collecting.

I began on January 10, 1896. In my home, which was the home of my father before me for more than forty years, letters had been accumulating in the garret. They had come from both sides of my ancestry: my father as the eldest brother of his family and my mother as the eldest sister, had received the family correspondence. Both of my grandmother's had passed away in this home. I knew that my mother had spent hours in the garret over the old letters, and she had often said that they should be burned in December, 1895. Rummaging in the garret, I found letters scattered over the floor and, looking more sharply, discovered boxes, partly broken, filled with the relics of the past. I determined to look over the letters, preserve those worth preserving and destroy the others. My first venture was a great box holding two or three bushels. It was a task of weeks. A fire on the hearth in my study made way with the refuse. Now and then a letter of interest would go to my wife and daughter in the room adjoining the study. For some weeks I paid no attention to stamps. I have no knowledge as to what I may have burned. But during my holiday visit to New York, passing along 23d street going from lunch at Dorlon's, I saw Scott's stamp catalogue in a show case. I stepped in and bought the 56th edition. On January 10th I came across a curious stamp on a letter to my grandmother from Philadelphia. It so aroused my curiosity

that I sought my catalogue. It was a "Blood's Penny Post." In the same package I found a 10c of 1847. These two determined my fate. Thereafter no stamp went into the fire. I found that some collector had been through most of the files, as from a large number of foreign letters of 1863-65 the stamps had been removed. However, here and there a letter had been overlooked. When the garret treasures had been examined and the fires died out above the sacrificed correspondence, I had quite a gathering of U. S. stamps and a few good foreign, as a Baden of 1864, when my younger brother was a student at Heidelberg.

At this time, most fortunately, writing to my friend Chief Engineer Baton of the U. S. Navy, on other matters I mentioned my stamps. His reply was a little about the other matters and very much about stamps. He had been a collector for thirty years. He told me what to do and what not to do, and in his great heartedness sent me a fine lot of Chinese and Japanese stamps. This letter clinched it. My father had been a collector all his life of minerals, of fossils, of shells, of coins, and of violins and divers other things. In my boyhood I had collected a cabinet of a thousand minerals. Now, after more than forty years, the collecting craze came upon me "hard and fast," and—I was stamps.

I have very little money to spend on stamps. I put in that line only what comes from unexpected sources. My friends here and there over the earth have been very kind in answering my letters. I had some pleasant experiences in exchanges. A boy in a Paris school whose parents are in Egypt was for a time a charming correspondent. A doctor in Penang sent one good letter with stamps and to my response with more valuable stamps there has been no echo. This is better than K. Toda of Japan, who did not even acknowledge the first lot. But I have found the stamp men gentlemen in the main.

I had as a result of my father's coin collecting a large number of copper, silver and base metal coins. Many of them are curious to coin collectors. These I have exchanged for stamps. I have now after one year something over 2,100 stamps. They have been of interest when matters of greater interest would have been of no avail. I spend neither time nor money upon them to the neglect of any other interest. They please me, interest me; and I shall hold on to my stamp collecting.

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THE PROMOTER.

The promoter is a character well known in this country. He is more frequently found in the smaller cities, it being questionable if he could thrive in the more notable philatelic centers, where he would not be so conspicuous, and can not succeed in impressing collectors with his far-sighted greatness in affairs philatelic as he can in localities where collectors are not quite so numerous, where his ability to cause his associates to regard him

as a philatelic light of some consequence because he professes to belong to philatelic societies, national, international and foreign, too numerous to mention.

As a rule, he is found full of conservative dignity. He is generally in a hurry, and to talk with his brother collectors in apparently a condescension on his part. When reading his stamp papers, it will be found he is apparently deeply engrossed in the auction sale prices, "chronicles of new issues," etc. If he converses with a companion, his theme is the rise in values of certain prices, or the latest counterfeit.

The light and airy way in which he speaks of disposing of dollar Columbians, or purchasing Wood Block Triangular Capes fills his hearers with awe and envy. He talks of the St. Louis stamps as he would of a lot of Continentals, although he may not possess a sufficient sum to buy the most common variety.

The promotor is peculiar to himself. His prototype has always existed in life apart from philately, but his presence has never been so much noticed in our circles as at present. He is in evidence everywhere. He does no harm, and his talk creates no discussions, so he is not disturbed. But whenever a man comes to you and tells you fabulous stories of "finds;" bores you with his version of the cause of the recent fluctuations in the prices of Sydney Views, or the great advance in English V. A's.; tires you with a lengthy discussion on the reliability of the standard catalogue, put him down as what we term "The Promoter." He is probably one of those "oddities" designated by some one as "a collector who does not collect." Well posted on the latest philatelic topics, and able to hold his own in any discussion, able to describe and find all the minor varieties, watermarks, papers and perforations, but, incongruous as it may seem, not owning a collection. Of the various types of character to be found in our midst, none are so incongruous, paradoxical or unexplainable as "The Promoter."

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The resignation of the president of the Nebraska Philatelic Society, Mr. Fred B. Woolston, was considerable of a surprise to many members. His resignation is received with both regret and pleasant anticipations: regret that business cares will not allow him the necessary time to devote to the office; anticipations of the good work the vice-president, Mr. Wm. B. Hopson, now president, as laid down in our constitution, may do.

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Mr. Woolston's example is one that, if considered by society officers in general, would place our societies upon a much more firm and secure foundation than they enjoy at present. It is one of the evils of philatelic societies to have elected to hold office men, who, while possibly capable and willing, can not spare the time needed to properly discharge the duties of the office they hold. Mr. Woolston saw this, and readily perceived the fact that his duty as a loyal member of the Nebraska Philatelic Society, one interested in its welfare, was to turn over the keys to the vice-president. Our leading societies are unfortunate in being encumbered with officers who, if they were as generous and loyal as Mr. Woolston, would resign, allowing some member to take charge who could conduct the office in a proper manner. The fault does not altogether lie with the officers—the members must receive their share of the blame. In the annual elections, men are oftentimes nominated for office despite their wishes to the contrary, they perceiving that they can not do themselves nor the society credit—elected, they are so much dead wood—a hindrance to the advancement of the interests of the members of the society.

We have been favored with a small photograph of Mr. Oney K. Carstarphen, and a copy of "Colorado State Address Book," compiled by this gentleman. We shall prize the photo highly.

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Together with the above were the constitution and a write-up of the National Ameteur Press Association. We cannot but agree with the Association in this statement, which we have taken the liberty to "transplant" from some of the reading matter sent us:

"It is a very inferior man that has no hobbies. He may be intelligent, but can never rise above mediocrity. This is especially seen in the youth of America. The brightest and most promising young men and women are those who interest themselves keenly in some enterprise. Whatever fills the mind with unselfish enthusiasm, rousing an ambition for excellence, is worthy of the highest praise. The pursuit is doubly beneficial when of a social nature and carried on by many together. Young people, bound together by a worthy interest, never fail to reap benefits, and to exert a wholesome interest in the community."

How applicable is this to philately! "It is a very inferior man who has no hobbies" how true this is—let the hobby be what it may.

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The article in this number on "The Brief History of My Stamp Collecting" was written by a gentleman 58 years of age. The story is certainly interesting, and made more so by this fact. A beginner at this age is not so unusual, but a peculiar interest is always attached to such instances. The example set by Chief Engineer Eaton of the U. S. Navy in helping this beginner over the rough places could well be emulated by collectors in general—not alone to men of experience who have just ascertained the delights Philatelias' realm affords, and to whom but a word of advice and friendly counsel is all that is required, but to the younger element, with whom more patience must be used.

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About a year ago the matter of a joint discussion by the members of the Nebraska Philatelic Society of topics pertaining to stamps through the columns of THE PHILATELIC WEST was considered by a few who thought the scheme feasible and giving promise of beneficial results. The matter has never been broached since. We should like to have an expression of the sentiments of members upon the matter. Perhaps the new president will take hold.

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Denver stamp circles are much disturbed over what bids fair to be an interesting damage suit, if the matter is carried this far. Some time ago a member was expelled from the Queen City Philatelic Society, the trustees of this society, to whom the matter had been referred, considering the fact that the party had been expelled from the American Philatelic Association upon apparent good grounds was sufficient cause for them to recommend his expulsion from their society. Now the expelled party threatens to sue each of the trustees for $5,000. Prominent legal talent has already been engaged, we understand, and further developments are regarded with interest. The question may here be raised as to whether a society can be held liable for the doings of its officers.

The case against one Coleman, a postoffice department employee recently accused of stealing several thousand dollars' worth of newspaper and periodical stamps has, we are informed, been dismissed, it having been shown that there was no truth in the charge. Whatever the truth may be, we shall be surprised if the newspapers, especially eastern papers, which have made so much of this matter, will now give as much attention to its satisfactory termination. Always eager to utilize and enlarge upon any wrongdoing of which philately is directly or indirectly the cause—but paying but small attention to such cases after the innocence of the suspected party or the entire absence of motives that could be ascribed as emanating from stamp collecting is established.

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Edna Brown, the famous "stamp-chain" schemer of Kaneville, Ill., again seeks fame. She now has a Brattleboro she wishes to dispose of, but, unluckily, has as yet been unable to find a dealer who will pass upon its genuineness and purchase.

BOILED DOWN.

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE.

In the re-engraved issue of the 1854-6 1-penny red stamps of Great Britain the eyelids of the head are very plain; in the original series they are very faint. This is a good method of determining the date of issue of these stamps.

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Canadian society members have been having trouble with amalgamation, from which Americans have escaped, thus far. The latest reports are that the D. P. A. and the C. P. A. will continue as separate organizations.

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Mr. Wm. Stuart of Lawrence, Mass., has announced that he is a candidate for secretary of the Postal Card Society of America.

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Some Canadian philatelic publishers are beginning to shake in their boots on account of a late rumor that their new Postmaster-General is going on the war path and intends exterminating a number of papers not entitled to second-class rates. And a philatelic publication is where the lightning often strikes.

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The Toronto Philatelic Club are after a new issue of postage stamps for Canada, commemorating the diamond anniversary of Queen Victoria and the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of their country by Cabot. If their efforts are attended with success, it speaks well of the influence a philatelic society has.

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We quote from Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News a newly discovered variety in the 1 Kr. newspaper tax stamp of Hungary.

"In the ordinary stamp the second stroke on the "k" is no higher than the "r" which follows it (see cut), while in the variety it is nearly twice as high as the "r" and almost equals the first stroke of the letter. The large figure "1" is also different, the body being thicker and the serifs longer. There is apparently no variation in the frame, only in the inscription of value as described."

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What is said to be the largest sum ever paid for the stamps of one country was that the splendid collection of English stamps formerly the property of Earl Kingston. $9,000.00 was the amount he received from the purchasers.

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

This month I wish to call the attention of our members to our counterfeit detector, Mr. E. W. Fitt, of Plattsmouth, and his department. This department does not seem to be as well patronized as it should be. Either the members have forgotten the existence of such an office or have not had any doubtful stamps to be examined.

We also have a good library under the supervision of Mr. R. L. Shepard 2004 Wirt St., Omaha, Neb., who will be glad to send any paper or volume contained in the library for the postage.

Let every member push Omaha for the '98 conventions. We will be successful if all work together.

I hereby appoint Rev. A. B. Whitmer of Wymore, Neb., to fill the office of vice-president for the remainder of the term.

WM. B. HOPSON, Pres.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

J. C. Swan, Niobrara, Neb. Reference, F. J. Tomblin.

J. S. Thompson, Asst. P. M., Sterling, Neb., reports his application sent to Secretary, but no report received.

EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

A number of good U. S. books that came in just before Christmas have been retired with sales near sixty per cent. This is not equaled by any other society. Members wishing to buy good U. S. stamps at from 40 to 75 per cent discount can do no better than to give their patronage to this department.

Upon recommendation of Mr. Brodstone I sent from one to three blank books to nearly all the members not now patronizing this department, with the request that they give the sales department a trial, or kindly return the books. To date (Feb. 15) only two of the members have either paid for or returned these books. As these books cost 6c each this is quite an item, and if you are one of these kindly return the books, as they are needed.

Value of stamps now in circulation, $541.38. Members sending in books should price them reasonable, and they can be assured of a ready sale. There is no demand for damaged stamps at unreasonable prices.

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COUNTERFEIT DETECTOR'S REPORT.

Since last month things have not picked up much in this department, and with exception of some Austrian identification tax stamps, German locals, and Italian and other foreign notes nothing has been seen from our collectors. However I acknowledge receipt of the following from Mr. S. P. Hughes for counterfeit collection: Rheatown, Tenn., red on white 5c; Columbia, S. C., 5c red on buff, ditto blue on white; McVish 3c red on white, Nashville, Greenville 10c blue or green; Kingsville 3c blue on white.

It may not be generally known but it is a fact nevertheless, that there are a large number of counterfeits in Nebraska. Last year quite a number of interesting ones were received among them a 3c red on buff, present issue, changed to a beautiful shade of chocolate brown.

Please send us some counterfeits.

E. W. FITT.

Professor Philatelicus' Black List.

Counterfeits in circulation in Nebraska during 1897-8. Nevill Opera blue. Monarch 2½ penny blue. Cook Crest 4 penny red. Grenada 2½ penny lilac. All above are printed on thick wove paper, mounted, poorly executed and celebrated made from the same dies that cuts in albums are made from. Salvador 1 green, Honduras 1 ultramarine, white paper, three rings and center dot in purple ink. Reported by N. P. S. Counterfeit Detector.

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9	St. Christopher 1 p. and rose, few perf. gone	50
94	Cape of Good Hope 1 p., blue paper	40
95*	Pair Transvaal 6 p., large, ½ Scott No. 127	3 00
96	Barbadoes ½ p., perf 3 sides	1 25
97	Lagos 4 p. Wm. Wr. & C. A.	1 00
98	Trinadad 6p. emi green, perf. 3 sides	1 50
99*	Virgin Island 1 p. No. 3	1 25
100	6c '69	40
101	10c '69	50
102	10c '71	50
103*	10c '75, perf. 3 sides	1 25
104	12c '65, grill	40
105	90c '70	60
106	5c P. Cards	45
107	Warehouse Receipt	50
108	$2.00 Prob. of Will	75
109	$3.50 Int. Ex.	1 00
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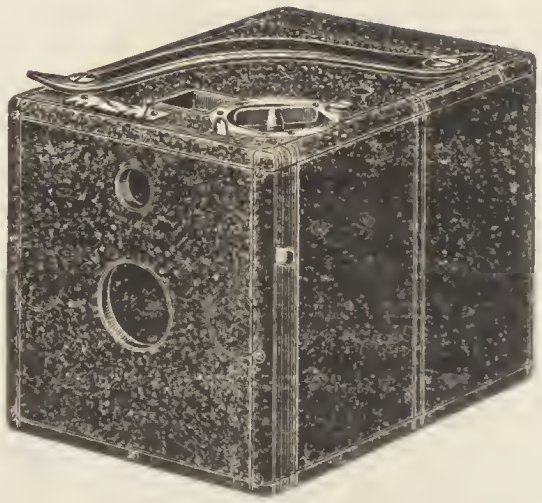
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FRENCH POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.

Postage-due stamps were essentially a French invention, and were the converse of the postage stamps, as they represented the postage to be paid by the recipient, whereas the postage stamp represented the postage that had been paid by the sender. In England, it is customary to describe the charge for postage as a "rate." On the Continent it is described as a "tax," and as the stamps issued to denote the postage to be paid by the recipient always bore the amount in plain figures, they were in consequence described as *Chiffres-taxe;* they merely represent the charge to be paid by the recipient, on account of the letter having been posted unpaid or insufficiently prepaid.

Up to 1st June, 1853, no difference was made in the charge for postage, whether the latter was prepaid or not, but at that time a difference was made in the letters posted and delivered in Paris. The rate of 15c was reduced to 10c, in case the letter was prepaid; and on the 1st July, 1854, a similar premium of one-third of the unpaid letter-rate was accorded to all the letters for the interior of the Empire.

The effects of the previous legislation may be seen by the small results which had followed the introduction of postage stamps. In 1847 and 1848, before the introduction of postage stamps, 10 per cent of the letters posted were prepaid. After the introduction of postage stamps, on 1st January, 1849, the proportion of prepaid letters rose only to 15 per cent, and in 1851 to 20 per cent; but in consequence of the above-mentioned changes in the rates in favor of prepaid letters, they rose in 1855 to 85 per cent. On the unpaid letters it had always been the custom to denote the amount to be paid by the recipient in figures, in pen and ink, or by a hand-stamp bearing large figures of the amount in black; and the same was done with insufficiently prepaid letters. This was applied by the distributing office, and so there was a check upon the letters when the receiving office was not at the same time the distributing office.

In cases, however, where the letter did not travel out of the circuit of the receiving office, and was distributable within that circuit, there was no check, and this gave rise to the invention of the first postage-due stamps, which the postmaster of the delivering office was ordered to affix to all those district letters which were liable to payment of postage, as being unpaid or insufficiently prepaid, and the public was warned not to pay any postage, except it was denoted by such stamps.

The approaching issue of the

postage-due stamp was announced at the end of 1858 by the following circular:

By order of the Minister of Finance, of the 14th October last, the tax on unpaid local correspondence, instead of being marked on the letters by a numeral, made by hand, will be represented by adhesive stamps, called *Chiffres-taxes (sic)*, which the postmasters, distributors and letter-carriers, as the case may be, will affix on the address of the letters in sufficient number, and will obliterate them by means of the dated stamp of the office, or the stamp "O. R."

This latter stamp was one carried by the postmen, and the initials signified *Origine Rurale*. A further circular, sent to the country offices, directed that no unpaid local correspondence was to be distributed by the letter carrier under pain of dismissal, unless the charge to be paid was indicated by the new stamps duly obliterated.

Three designs were made for this stamp which was to be of the value of 10c and were submitted to the Postmaster General, who made choice of one of them, which was ordered to be printed by lithography at the Imperial printing office. The issue took place on 1st January, 1859. The impression was in black, varying in intensity of tone, and was on plain white wove paper. The experiment proving successful, it was extended on 1st June, 1859, to all articles not prepaid, which originated in and were distributable within the postal radius of each postoffice,

To supply the demands of the service for this enlarged use of the stamps, the design was typographed and printed in sheets of 240, in 12 rows of 20, and was so issued 1st June, 1859. (See Scott's type VI.) The design of the typographed stamp is similar to that of the lithographed issue of January, 1859, except in some small particulars, which afford a ready mode of distinguishing between the two, even in the absence of those general indications which serve to distinguish lithographed from typographed stamps. In the lithographed issue, the lettering is clearer, both in that of the inscriptions in the frame and that in the center; but the most appreciable difference is that in the lithographed issue the accent on the letter "a" in the center is almost horizontal, extending *over* the letter, while in the typographed issue the accent points downward, near the middle of the letter.

The impression at first was on paper of a bluish tone of white, but afterwards it is found on rougher paper of a yellowish tone, and the printing on this latter paper does not give such clear impressions as on that of finer grain.

No further change was made till 1st January, 1863, when, in consequence of the charge on unpaid letters being raised from 10c to 15c, the postage-due stamp of 10c was superseded by one of 15c of a similar design, also printed by typography in black. The impression of this is also found on paper slightly azured, or on the yellowish paper.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

There are three dies of current issue 1-cent U. S. stamped envelope. First has a V-shaped projection in the bottom of the bust, the second has a double curve, while in the third the bottom of the bust is an unbroken curve.

BOILED DOWN.

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE.

A New York collector has a strip of three stamps, 50 cent denomination, with plate number 75 and imprint, imperforated vertically.

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Norwegian, Danish, German and Chinese locals have fallen into disfavor on account of the many unnecessary speculative issues they are continually sending out.

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The stamps of Tobago offer a good investment to the speculative collector, or to he who is not but who wishes to put his money into stamps that will not depreciate. Prices of these stamps are rising every year.

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A writer in the Bazaar thus defines speculation and investment: The term "speculation" should be discouraged when applied to philately and the word investment should be fostered. The more stamps get to be looked upon as an investment, the more firmly established and popular will philately become. At present collectors are inclined to mix the two terms, investment and speculation. To explain my meaning: in buying stocks or shares, when the interest is four or five per cent it is called an investment—when 30 or 40 per cent, a speculation, so that a collector who looks for any great and rapid increase in the value of his stamps is turning his hobby into a speculation rather than an investment. Any philatelist should be satisfied with a 5 per cent per annum advance in the value of his stamps; it is very good interest for these days, and there is also the pleasure derived from the hobby. One need have little fear for the future of a hobby that is considered a safe investment, paying 5 per cent.

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Mr. Gilbert Lockyer, a philatelist and author of note of Great Britain, recently died.

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The late officially sealed commemorative stamps of Chili bear the portrait of Arturo Prat, the Chilian patriot who lost his life boarding the monitor Huascar in the Peruvian war.

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There are two distinct varieties of the $2\frac{1}{2}$d. on 9d. blue, 1871, Tasmania. The "d" in the surcharge appears both with and without the cross at the top.

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The latest thing in hinges has a row of rouletting across the hinge, not sufficiently deep to materially affect its strength, but it serves to facilitate the folding of the hinge perfectly horizontal. It also would assist in keeping the stamp perfectly flat on the album page.

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Mr. B. S. Ross, a well known Chicago dealer, has disposed of his stock to John E. Burton & Co. of Lake Geneva, Wis. The consideration was the leading, well-equipped hotel of Lake Geneva.

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C. E. Severn says the stamp-collector bids fair to soon rank with the hired girl, the ice man, the man-who-comes home-late, etc., for the professional joke manufacturer to work on.

NEBRASKA'S PRIDE.

The Nebraska Philatelic Society. Organized 1892.



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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Fellow Members:—I wish to call your attention to your dues for '97. If you have not paid them please remit at once, as the society needs money with which to pay bills now over-due. Owing to charges having been preferred against our Secretary-Treasurer, all money should be sent to the President until matters are adjusted. I hereby appoint E. L. Platz and James Kotera as Trustees to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of C. L. Thurston and C. R. Pyburn. The annual conventions of the various large societies are drawing closer, so let us work the harder to secure the support of the members for Omaha for '98. Yours for success,

WM. B. HOPSON.

Omaha, Neb., March 17, 1897.

To the President of the N. P. S.:

Owing to the press of other business and that I am going out of stamps, I tender my resignation as a member and also as trustee of the N. P. S. Respectfully,

C. R. PYBURN.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

The Trustees have received charges which have been preferred against Clarence L. Thurston, Secretary-Treasurer, and will examine and report on same next month. An opportunity will be given Mr. Thurston to adjust matters, if he wishes to do so, before the case will be acted upon.

TRUSTEES N. P. S.,
WM. P. HOPSON, Chairman.

EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

Members sending in books for circulation will please take note that there is still a big demand for Arg. Rep. stamps, and please bear this in mind when you fill up your books. Price them reasonable and you can be assured of a ready sale As noted in my last report the following have neither returned or paid for the books sent them. Bert. Palmer, C. L. Thurston, R. L. Payne, G. W. Greene, Gus. Bayersdorfer, Harvey E. Milligan, Geo. Anthers and W. R. King.

Amount of stamps in department to date, March 16, $597.21; number of books, 76; number retired, 29; number in circulation, 47; percentage of sales from all books retired, a little over 44 per cent.

Mr. E. W. Fitt reports two members, as sending him two valuable circuits by open mail—unregistered. Such carelessness will not be allowed, when these circuit lots can be sent most anywhere for 10c by express, and 14c by mail. Very truly,

S. P. HUGHES.

COUNTERFEIT DETECTOR'S REPORT.

Counterfeits received this month:

From F. T. Shepard, Nebraska City—Hawaiian, Scott's No. 10, 1c blue, greyish white. Hawaiian, Scott's No. 11, 2c black, greyish white. Hawaiian, Scott's No. 26, 2c blue, white. Malta, 4 pence, color blue. Ireland, 4 pence, color brown. Gibraltar, 4 pence, color bistre. Three latter all same design as $2\frac{1}{2}$ pence Nevis. British Columbia, $2\frac{1}{2}$ pence, rose. All the above are cancelled with straight bar, oval bar, square bar cancellations. The oval bar cancellation seems to be the commonest on all the counterfeit cancellations yet seen. Loyd's Penny Post, blue on thick white paper.

From L. T. Brodstone—Lubeck, 2 Sch., brown, uncancelled, Scott's No. 3. 1c U. S., 1872, color changed to green. 2c U. S., 1887, color changed to blue in day-time, green at night.

E. W. FITT.

Received application of Rollie Neumann, of Wymore, Neb. Reference. S. P. Hughes. Emil Hornung, Schuyler. Reference, R. L. Payne.

OMAHA IN '98.

I favor Omaha for our '98 conventions. I believe if all the leading philatelic societies met there in one week during the Trans-Mississippi Exposition, it would help philately a great deal. It would be beneficial in many ways. Publicity is what we want, and the doings at our conventions would receive considerable mention in the daily press. Such mention is a direct mode of making philatelists out of mere collectors, and collectors out of readers.

I believe the railroad fare is quite an item to many collectors, and prevents them attending our meets. The philatelic societies taken as a whole have not members enough to enable us to secure special railroad rates to our conventions. For that reason I believe we should foresee a convention place where some event will occur, other than of a philatelic nature, and to which special traveling rates are likely to be secured. Omaha is the place for the '98 meets. With the Philatelic Conventions, the Trans-Mississippi Exposition and the cheap traveling rates, I don't see why we couldn't have the most successful conventions and the best kind of a time at Omaha in '98. Its the best place in sight, and I have no reason to believe the meets will go to any other city.

LOUIS J. KRAMER.
Pres. L. of A. P.

SELF-EXPLANATORY.

As the east and west should alternate with the convention seat it is only just that the west should have the meet in 1898. Omaha is working hard for it and should have it. I write to you to state that all my energy and all the work that I can give shall be for Omaha in 1898. To obtain results we must work, and I would suggest that we keep everlastingly at it and we will get the result we desire. Yours for Omaha in 1898. ONEY K. CARSTARPHEN,
Pres. Phil. Sons of America.

BY THE BUSINESS MANAGER.

Free subscription for 25 names of active collectors *not on our list.* I have yet to receive full 25 names I have not got, as names seen in stamp papers and directories there is no use of sending, as I already have them. I will send the paper for time according to the number of names we have not got, of those received.

To all members of the Nebraska Society: If you have paid your dues to Secretary Thurston drop a card to the president or publisher so we may know who have paid and who have not.

Of other advertisers who owe us are Higginson, of Omaha, and C. Rogers, of New York. Best to watch out for the last named, as he has several addresses and deals especially in reprints and counterfeits, from the report of a collector of New York who called and seen him personally.

We have received price lists of M. C. Berlepsch, 2 W. 14th St. New York; F. E. Smith, Newton, Mass.; Harry Hickles Co., 64 Cheapside, London, England; auction catalogue of G. R. Tuttle, at Collectors' Club, New York, April 5; P. M. Wolsieffer, at Great Northern Hotel, Chicago, in club room L38, April 9 and 10. It would be well to see

Ewen's catalogue of English stamps is the best catalogue we have seen, and a collector of English stamps should not be without it. The publisher makes a low price to all wishing same, or can write publisher for a copy of his English Specialist Journal. Address, H. L. Ewen, 32 Palace Square, Norwood, England. Collectors' Almanack, by S. Stewart, Darlington, England, is well worth getting also.

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"CONSOLIDATION."

Canadian collectors belonging to the two societies of that country have at last settled matters amicably, and decided to let amalgamation alone. Now the same topic for discussion has arisen in the U. S. Well we all remember the war of words this subject led to a few years ago, and that, too, without any results. It always has been true that stamp-collecting means stamp-societies. Some collector, perhaps for personal reasons, desires to hold office, or because he is simply an enthusiast and believes he is promoting a beneficial scheme, is eternally launching out upon the world a new society. These are generally local in interests, but oft-times the organizer's aspirations are wider, and the society is national. Well, let there be a consolidation of all the national societies of this country under one name, we venture to assert that six months would not have elapsed after such a scheme had been put into operation before we would have new societies springing up all over this broad land of ours. These would in a year or two get strong enough in membership to compete with the amalgamated societies, and we would soon arrive at the same stage where we now find ourselves. This is a society age, and in no walk of life is this more true than in philately. We believe that these numerous societies, as long as they continue as they are at present, can do no apparent harm, and, in fact, rather have a tendency to create new interest and impart new vitality into philately. Let there be but one national society in this country, and that zeal that now actuates a society member to make efforts to secure new members for his favorite society will vanish, for the cause of his efforts, the desire to see the society for which he labors prosper and rival or out-distance other societies, will have vanished. Collectors as a rule are not prone to join societies of their own free will. They must have application blanks and particulars sent them by these enthusiasts, who can,

by the way, suggest more "benefits" to be received from their particular society than could ever be given. Let there be societies and societies. They do no great harm, and perchance from some of them, and certainly from the good work of members in trying to secure new members, philately receives some benefit. The American Philatelic Society for the more sedate, advanced class, the Philatelic Sons of America for those who dislike the Sons of Philately, the Sons of Philately for those who are not enchanted with the Philatelic Sons of America, the League of American Philatelists and the Columbian Philatelic Society for those who prefer these to the ones first mentioned, or, if he be a "jiner," all of them for he of such mind.

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Scott's 57th catalogue is all right in every particular except prices. The majority of the U. S. seem to be priced at considerable, in many instances at double market prices. Why must this farce be foisted upon the philatelic public annually, or, forsooth, we may better pen the query, why will the philatelic public accept this as a "standard" work each year, knowing its unreliability? No dealer has had the temerity to issue a general catalogue of any great worth wherein prices are governed by the markets. Why?

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'Tis said that only three or four members were present at the late convention of the L. of A. P. What a snap for aspiring office-seekers who might happen to be in attendance if such a statement can be verified.

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By the death of John Keer Tiffany philately loses one of her brightest gems. No man was better known and more highly esteemed than he. His researches as given to collectors were invaluable, and will serve to make his name one that will never pass from memory, and will always be regarded with reverence and love. Of his life and methods of collecting little need be said, every collector who reads being familiar with them. *Requiescat in pace.*

THE COLLEGE AND PHILATELY.

I find many of our college students who have collected stamps. I find very few who continue it. The reasons are not hard to learn. The boy going to college enters upon entirely new paths. Usually it is leaving home for the first time. He has a chum and a group of new associates. More than this, his time is well filled with work. If ambitious, he puts full time on his studies, that he may take a high place. If he be not ambitious he must do considerable studying or he may fail in examinations and be dropped. Then at least in this college there is much stir in regard to essays and declamations. Prize essays, requiring considerable reading and much painstaking, attract the ambitious students.

There is also an environment so diverse from that of home, that there seems no time for the home pleasures. Stamp collecting seems a part of boyhood, and the college boy feels himself already a man.

The college vacations are very brief, save the summer vacation; and in July and August out-of-door amusements are more attractive.

The majority of boys who collect stamps are not "born collectors." They collect stamps from curiosity or a desire to keep up with some one else. So soon as some other interests enter, the stamps go into obscurity. It is a "survival of the fittest." So here and there a boy collector keeps up his interest in college, and after graduation, whenever leisure comes, he returns to stamps. The best collector whom I know, valedictorian of his class in an eastern college, then graduating at Anapolis as a Cadet Engineer, has clung to his stamps, as he went hither and thither over the world in vessels of the U. S. Navy; and now his collection is large in number and unique in the grade and value of its stamps.

College shuts off many boy collectors. The students of this college, without doubt, as they find me now and then in my study with my cards of stamps, think and perhaps talk of the childishness of the Mathematical Professor who "goes in" for stamps.

OREN ROOT,
Professor of Mathematics, Hamilton College, Clinton, N. Y.

NOTES.

An American by the name of Scott has been arrested in Cuba, and the only charge against him is that he is a stamp collector, and among others had a set of Cuban Republic stamps in his album. He will be shot the same as any other offender unless our government interferes, which is not at all likely to happen.

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Frank T. Shepard, a prominent Nebraska City collector-dealer, has recently removed to Lincoln.

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Will some publisher kindly tell us why it is they accept advertisements from questionable parties, and after the duped victims begin kicking to write to each that so and so seemed all right, as always paid for ads, etc? There is a time coming, and its not far distant when this class of publishers shall be relegated to the rear, and the journals that ascertain the reliability of advertisers before publishing same, will receive the patronage and support they rightly deserve.

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B. S. Ross, a prominent Chicago dealer, has recently traded his immense stock of stamps for a large hotel. Stamps and hotels hardly go hand in hand wonder if Mr. R. will make a success in his new venture.

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Three fine copies of the rare Canada Bill "SFVEN" have recently turned up. The price asked, $20.00, for such a stamp is none too high considering its scarcity.

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Another "chain-letter" stamp deal has recently turned up, and from indications the number of deluded people will come near reaching the famous Edna Brown fraud, in which it is safe to say hundreds of thousands sent stamps.

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Collectors of Mexican revenues are rejoicing in the fact that the new catalogue just out does away with all varieties of paper, watermark and perforations, and gives only the regular issues, in such a plain, simple way, that even the beginner can easily understand it. We hope the same will be true of the new Canadian list, soon to be issued.

"A. D."

OUR ILLUSTRATION.

H. D. Ruehlman, of Sharon, Wis., Exchange Superintendent P. S. of A., and member and officer of nearly every national stamp society of the United States.

EXCHANGE COLUMN.

Free to members N.P.S. and subscribers.

Geo. M. Flint, 107 Museum St., Cambridge, Mass., has stamps and entire postal cards to exchange for stamps.

Philip B. Driver, Box 34, Ridley Park, Pa., has stamps to exchange for same.

H. Weed, 38 Summer Street, Stanford, Conn., has stamps to exchange for same.

F. E. Hawkins, 16 Callan Block, Minneapolis, Minn., has used U. S. department envelopes to exchange for U. S. Send want list.

R. S. Chase, 30 Alumar Ave., Providence, R. I., has stamps in sheets to exchange for others.

B. S. King, 31 New York Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., wants to exchange stamps for U. S. and revenues.

M. E. Reynolds, Buchanan, N. Y., Westchester Co., wishes to exchange stamp papers.

The publishers will be pleased to receive the names of your collector friends, especially those in U. S., Mexico and Canada wanted. Free exchange notice for every 25 names not on our list.

Do you want to receive a big bunch of stamp papers several foreign ones? Send postage to Box 116, Superior, Neb., and get them O. K. If you wish to subscribe or advertise, can save you from 20 to 50 per cent. Particulars for postage.

Fred L. Graves, Lock Box 600, Silver Creek, N. Y., has duplicate U. S. to exchange for same. Let him know what you have and want.

E. S. Blackwell, 92½ 6th St., Portland, Oregon, has stamps to exchange for stamp papers.

Wish to exchange with collectors. Want list is U. S., Canada and Germany. D. Wendt, Sterling, Neb.

Will give one year's subscription to Trans-Mississippi Stamp for any stamp catalogue, 25c or 15c uncovered or 10c covered stamp papers. P. Jamieson, 2732 Blondo St., Omaha.

Philatelic Journal of America, December, 1894, to exchange for Evergreen Philatelist, July and August numbers. Wish to exchange stamps valued at 3 to 10 cents. L. M. Cass, Box 38, McGraville, N. Y.

I have a large quantity of Hawaiian, South and Central American stamps to exchange for any U. S. stamps issued prior to 1890 with exception of 1c blue, 3c rose, 2c brown, and 2 and 3c green. Want stamps in good condition only. Thomas G. Walker, Watsonville, Santa Cruz Co., California.

Have Scott's entire unused Nos. 725 and 749 and good foreign to exchange for good U. S. postage or revenues and entire envelopes not in my collection. Would like to get two copies of the 10c 1869 used. I have several of 749 and 725 envelopes. Would like to trade for U. S. Chas. S. Einsel, Holdrege, Neb. N. P. S. 137.

A wholesale mixture of 1000 foreign stamps catalogued at 2c each for $8 worth of good U. S. stamps. Foreign collectors: I will exchange one of Scott's 25 · catalogues for every 2000 stamps you send me. I wish to receive copies of stamp papers. F. F. Jelke, 516 LaSalle Ave., Chicago.

Papers, stamps, etc., to exchange. Publishers, send sample copies of your papers to H. G. Hoffman, 1908 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, La.

Exchange U. S. Coppers, 1800-1857; Hard Times Tokens, 1837; War Tokens, 1863; with some foreign copper and silver, for U. S. stamps. For lists and prices address O. Root, Clinton, N. Y.

I have stamps, entire envelopes and postal cards and stamp papers to exchange for photographic books and journals, and photo and cycle sundries. Would also like to exchange photos with all Nebraska collectors especially and any other collectors outside of state. Have a $150.00 bicycle, with lamp, bell, cyclometer, etc., to exchange for best offer. L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Neb.

I have a Lohmeyer's postal card and envelope album that cost $4 50 that I will trade for postal cards or stamps amounting to $4.50 by Scott's 56th catalogue or $3.00 cash. I have also a Mekeel's Mexican Album that cost $2.50; I will take $2.50 in stamps or postal cards or $1.00 cash Also a Mekeel's stamp album of the world that cost $3.50; I will take $3.50 in stamps or postal cards or $2.00 cash. Also a Mekeel's United States album that cost $3.50. I will take $3.50 in stamps or postal cards or $1.75 cash. These albums have been but little used, and I want stamps or postal cards that are not in my collection. Write to H. E. Bennett, College View, Neb.

Volumes of Scribner's, Cosmopolitan, Golden Days, and odd numbers of other magazines to exchange for stamps or philatelic literature. List for 1-cent stamp. James Sanborn, 83 Oneida St., Cohoes, N. Y.

To collectors of stamped paper: A few government stamped receipts, two varieties rare, to exchange for match, medicine or perfumery stamps O. Root, Clinton, N. Y.

I desire to exchange for U. S. and foreign postage stamps not in my collection. J. S. Thompson, Assistant P. M., Sterling, Neb.

Rev. Chas. Schober, Nelson, Neb., has Heligoland, 3 perf., green and bright red, cat. $30.00 Scott's 57 No. 26, to exchange for best offer in stamps.

S. Vestey, Sindefingen, Weirt, Germany, has stamps to exchange for others. Member P. S. of A.

C HERE Hartfort Bicycle, 1893 make, pneumatic
Y tires, lamp, bell, tools, brake and entire outfit,
C all in good condition. What will you pay me
L for it? No reasonable offer refused, or may
E take an exchange. Write me. J. Henry Thomas, 38 Henry St., Jersey City, N. J. P. S. of A. No. 149.



Professor Philatelicus' Black List.

Siam, Scott's A1, orange, and cancelled with a circle with two squares inside, one inside the other. British Columbia 5c yellow-brown, surcharged 25c in red, cancelled with oval bar cancellation. St. Christopher 1c lilac, cancelled with thin oval bar cancellation. Venezuela 5c blue 1880, very coarse print, dark blue color on white paper, line from corner of mouth giving sneering expression to face, very heavy eyebrow not arched, hair smooth from crown of head.

HALL'S BARGAIN COUNTER

is in full blast, and many strange faces are seen in the throng of bargain hunters. I offer the finest hinge on the market at 9c per 1,000, and the finest blank approval sheets at 40c per 100.

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Ginger(y) Snaps for the New Year:

		Cat. Price	My Price
U. S. 1861.	10c, type I, slight defect.	$20.00	$ 9.00
" "	10c 500, a fine desirable lot	75.00	34.00
" "	10c, 40, on covers, fine	6.00	3.50
" "	Agriculture, 3c,	.25	.15
" "	" 6c,	.75	.50
	Registered Seal, green	.25	.10
	Revenue 2c Play Card, blue	.40	.16
	" 2c, Certificate, orange	.75	.35
	" 3c, Telegraph	.35	.20
	" 25c Warehouse Receipt	1.00	.55
	" $1. E. of G. fine cut punched imperf.	2.00	.60
	" $2. Conveyance	.20	.12
	" $2. Mortgage	.25	.15
	" $3. Charter Party	.25	.15
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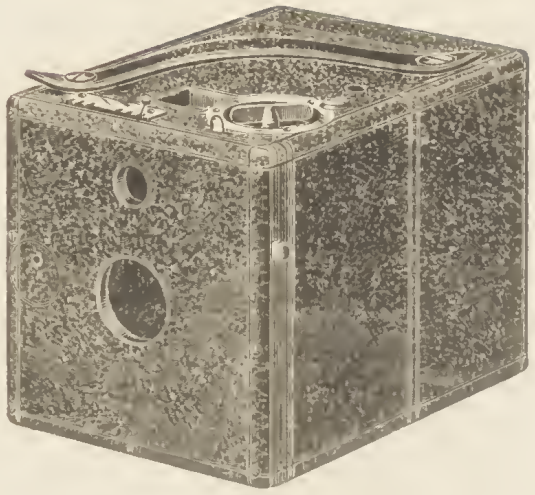
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90c 1890	50
*New Brunswick 10c o. g.	18
* " " 17c "	18
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FRENCH POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.

Began in April Number.

When the manufactory of stamps for the country was transferred to Bordeaux during the siege and investment of Paris in 1870-71, the unpaid-letter stamp of 15c was printed by lithography at Bordeaux, and it requires a practised eye to distinguish between this impression and that of 1863. It is, therefore, at times requisite to depend on the ordinary mode of distinguishing lithographic from typographic impressions, namely, the absence of all indentation in the former, though for this purpose it is necessary to examine the backs of the stamps.

When the rates of postage were increased, after the Franco-German war, those for unpaid local letters were fixed from 1st Sept., 1871, at 25c for single letters, 40c for double ones, and 60c for those weighing between 20 and 50 grammes. The postage-due stamp of 15c was therefore superseded, and stamps of a similar design, of the value of 25c, 40c and 60c were issued, that of 25c being in black, that of 40c in blue, and that of 60c in ochre. These continued in use until the establishment of the uniform rate on all letters for the interior, which came into operation 1st June, 1878. The postage-due stamps of 25c and 40c then became unnecessary, and were withdrawn; while the color of the 60c was changed from ochre to blue, and a new value of 30c, printed in black, was issued, the impression being on plain, white-wove paper, as in the last preceding issue.

None of these stamps had ever been issued perforated, though some are occasionally found rouletted, and there is a solitary instance of one being found perforated; but all these must be due to private enterprise, or they were done unofficially in the country post-offices, which alone made use of them, as they were not employed in Paris itself.

In 1880, the Minister of Finance ordered the design of the postage due stamp of 30c to be altered, and it made its appearance in June, 1881, being of the same shape and size as the ordinary postage-stamps, and similarly perforated (Scott type V 2). There is not much to be said in favor of this design, which is poor, and the Republic is only represented by the letters R. F. in the upper left and lower right angles; but on 1st Oct. 1882, the system of postage due stamps was extended to the whole of the correspondence of the interior, and the amount of deficient postage was ordered to be denoted by stamps of this kind. Postage due-stamps, therefore, were issued on 1st Oct., 1882, of the following values, in addition to that of 30c,

and of a similar design: 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 40c, 60c, 1fr., 2fr. and 5fr.; the whole printed in black, on plain, white wove paper, and perforated.

Such a multiplicity of stamps, all of the same color, led to confusion, and mistakes were constantly being made between the stamps of 1, 2 and 5 francs, and those of 1, 2, and 5 centimes, so that, in 1884, the color of the three higher values of 1, 2 and 5fr. was changed to brown. In practice it was found that some of the values were absolutely useless, and this led to the suppression of the 20c and 40c in 1887 and that of the 2fr. in 1888, the stocks in hand being destroyed, as well as the 1, 2 and 5fr. in black.

In 1894 some further alterations were made for facilitating the use of these stamps, by printing some of the values in distinguishing colors. The 5c is now in pale blue, the 10c in pale brown, the 15c in pale green, the 30c was printed in orange-red, and at present in brick red; the 75c is in claret, and the 60c is in violet on cream color.

I have given a somewhat prolix history of these stamps, because they were successfully used in France, and the system has since been adopted in many other countries. It offers a ready and effectual mode of keeping the accounts, and one which it is surprising that the British Post Office has not adopted. In this country the antiquated system of the hand-stamp is still in vogue, and the extra charges on postal matter collected by the country offices are remitted to the head office in postage stamps of high values, attached to their accounts.—*A Parisian Collector in the Bazaar, England.*

THE EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

The statement has often been made that an exchange department is the real backbone of any society, and no truer statement has ever been made. There is, and always has been, more or less trouble in the exchange departments of all societies. The great cause, or at least for most of it, is dissatisfaction. What pleases one member very often displeases another. Then political ambitions are allowed to creep in and work havoc with what might otherwise be an agreeable and profitable exchange. As a usual thing the Exchange Superintendent is not allowed the freedom he should have; but fortunately here in our own N. P. S. all rates and regulations are left entirely to the man in charge.

Some of the Associations require the Superintendent to circulate all stamps sent in. This in itself is all right, but many members abuse the privilege of sending in stuff that is not fit for circulation. If all Superintendents would refuse this class of stamps and return them to their owners, they would soon find their sales of good stamps largely on the increase. Stamps that some consider desirable, are often called rubbish by others, and the Superintendent should have the right to refuse to circulate stamps, when in his opinion they will not sell. So many people have different ideas as to the value of stamps. Some of the European societies have rules as to pricing stamps, and it might not be a bad idea in this country. The

fault is always over-pricing, the cases of under-pricing being rare. There is, however, a class of people who expect to find $5.00 state stamps priced at 25c each, and when they don't get them find fault with the exchange department. There is an old rule about "doing unto others, as you would have them do unto you," that might well be remembered by all patrons of exchange departments. If they would think of it occasionally, and govern themselves accordingly, almost all the causes for complaint would be found to exist only in imagination.

If members of Philatelic Associations would patronize the exchange department for the sole purpose of increasing their collections, and never let monetary value enter their heads, they would be surprised at how easily they could buy and sell stamps. The average collector wants the best end of the bargain always, and as the other fellow wants it too, the result is somebody finds fault. The true philatelist collects not for gain as an investment, but from real pleasure derived from his stamps. A collector of this class never has room to complain of anything.

Many members do not seem to care for the rights of others; but by delaying lots and neglecting their duty cause a great deal of trouble all around.

Any infringement of rules should be heavily fined, and the Superintendent should be backed up by the trustees. However, this is not done, and as a result a fine is seldom collected. "A. D."

BY THE BUSINESS MANAGER.

Received Auction Sale Catalogue of Kansas City, Mo., Society; G. L. Morean, N. Y.; Chicago Society, at 838 Marquette Building; C. A. Stegman, St. Louis, Mo.; Price Lists of E. A. Holton, Boston, Mass.; C. H. Mekeel Co., St. Louis; J. T. Starr Co., Coldwater, Mich.; Universal Stamp Co., Box 44, N. Y.; Part 3 of C. L. Rothfuchs, Washington, D.C.; Entire Envelopes of Joe Beard, Muscatine, Iowa (which is got up neatest seen yet); H. H. Ashworth Co., 63 Brom St., Manchester, Eng.; California Philatelist and Price List of E. L. Gambs of San Francisco, Cal.; Philatelia, A Romance, by H. L. Watts, Winchester, Ind.; Want List Book of E. T. Parker, Bethlehem, Pa.; Wolsieffer's Approval Card of P. M. Wolsieffer, Chicago.

Parties wanting ads changed or stopped should notify me by the 15th of the month at the latest, as we start to press then.

It will pay anyone interested in papers to write for a copy of the Nebraska Editor, at Beaver City, Neb.

A large number of readers I know are cyclists, and it may interest a number to know that the first cycle stamp got out was during the strike in California in 1894, from Fresno to San Francisco, when several were issued; and yet Australia has a route of 200 miles which was started in 1893 with 120 miles, called Coolgardie Cycle Express, and now issues three values, 6d, 2s and 5s; and stamps of '96 series are very attractive, from reports.

We would be pleased to hear from brother publishers who have stamp accounts against advertisers we offered for sale and see if we can not get a way to collect the same

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

It is with pleasure that I notice the interest manifest by some of our members in complying with our request to notify the president if they had paid their dues or not. I hope those who have not so far notified me or paid their dues for 1897 will do so at a very early date. I also wish to call the attention of the members to our collection department in the hands of H. A. Cheney, Creighton, Neb., and hope members having any bills of a philatelic nature to collect will send them to the Attorney of the N. P. S. Remember, this or any other department cannot be a success without the co-operation of all the members.

WM. B. HOPSON, President.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED.

M. H. Carmen, Auburn, Neb.; reference, S. P. Hughes.
Albert Guenther, Howe, Neb.; reference, S. P. Hughes.
W. E. Wells, 901 South 20th St., Omaha, Neb.; reference, W. B. Hopson.
Irwin S. Betzer, David City, Neb.; reference, L. T. Brodstone.
B. C. Smith, Beaver City, Neb.; reference, R. L. Shepard.
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149. Emil Horning, Schuyler, Neb.

☞ If this is marked it is for those members whose dues are due, and I have not had notice of being paid. Remit at once if you wish to get the paper.

EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

The department is still in good order except that more books are needed. Members who send in any books for circulation should remember that these are not the prosperous times of '93, and in order to sell, the stamps must be very cheap. There is still a demand for U. S. Revenues, and Match and Medicine stamps. As the department is still behind several dollars on running expenses, all members are requested to give the sales books a trial. There are still a number who have failed to return or pay for the books sent them, and they are kindly requested to do so. Number of books received, 83; number retired, 37; value of all books, $633.92. L. T. Brodstone, F. T. Shepard, C. J. Platt, J. S. Thompson, Rev. Wendt, Rev. Whitmer, and nearly all who have books in circuit have written me that they are well pleased with the success of their books. Send in a book and you will be surprised at the number that sell. Next month we will have another

"Cash Sale" and the members are requested to send in their stamps as early as possible. Price them reasonable, and you can be assured of a ready sale.

SAMUEL P. HUGHES.

COUNTERFEIT DETECTOR'S REPORT.

This month I have received as follows: A batch of U. S. envelopes and about fifty varieties from 1851 to date were examined for paper and catalogue number—about one hundred specimens in all—from one member. Also a lot of postal dues for color.

From another member were received several specimens of local stamps from different cities in the German Empire. These were sent for pricing, but as there is not as far as I know any catalogue of these stamps the information could not be supplied; and in fact it is not considered part of the duty of this department to place values on stamps; however, the information would have cheerfully been given if possible.

Another member sent a specimen of 4 annas India for counterfeit surcharge. It is the opinion of the writer that surcharge is genuine, being the small type of lettering.

No specimens were furnished for counterfeit collection this month. Don't be afraid to part with any you have got, for if you attend our annual meeting it will be a pleasure to me to have a good number to turn over to my successor in office.

E. W. FITT,
Counterfeit Detector.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NEBRASKA PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Members vs Thurston:

We have received charges against Mr. Clarence Thurston of Omaha as follows:

EXHIBIT "A."

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 24, 1897.

Mr. Wm. B. Hopson,
Chairman Board Trustees N. P. S.,

Dear Sir: I hereby bring formal charges against Clarence L. Thurston, Secretary Treasurer of the Nebraska Philatelic Society; asserting that he is not a fit person for membership in said society; and therefore requesting that he be dishonorably discharged from same. My reasons for this are as follows: He refuses to pay me a debt of $23.70; at least repeated requests for payment of same have met with no response. He refuses to pay Mr. L. T. Brodstone a long standing bill of over $20.00. I stand ready to prove each and all of these charges. As chairman of the Board of Trustees of the N. P. S. it is your duty to see that this matter is properly looked into, and I shall expect you to take prompt action regarding same.

Respectfully, (Signed) R. L. SHEPARD,
N. P. S. 127.

EXHIBIT "B."

April 12, 1897.

To Pres. N. P. S. and Trustees N. P. S.:

I have an account due me by Secretary for stamps and papers sold him now due close to 1 year, being a total of $22.60. He has also not paid a cent for subscription of any N. P. S. members who have paid dues, or in fact not a cent been received of him since he took charge of Sec'y office and time I was paid, as now over six months. See to this at once and oblige.

(Signed) L. T. BRODSTONE,
Business Manager Philatelic West,
Official Organ N. P. S.

EXHIBIT "E" NO. 2.

Sterling, Neb., March 31, 1897.

Mr. Wm. B. Hopson, Omaha, Neb.

Dear Sir: As I noticed in the April number of The Philatelic West that all who had paid in the dues to Thurston to report to president. I sent in my application with dues and membership fees in December; sent them to Thurston; he never answered whether he received them or not. So I wrote to him and asked him if he received my letter, and still no reply; and last I wrote him and enclosed stamp for reply, and have never received anything. If I am to be admitted to the society I would like to receive my membership card, etc. Will you please look into this matter. Awaiting your reply I remain, yours sincerely,

(Signed) J. S. THOMPSON,
Assistant P. M., Sterling, Neb.

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WM. B. HOPSON,
JAMES KOTERA,
L. L. PLATZ

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The sensation of the month was the failure of the Mekeel corporation. Creditors are fully protected, we understand.

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That season of the year when stamp collectors who read our various publications will be treated to the praises of certain candidates for philatelic offices, or what is more interesting, perchance, a vigorous roasting of some candidate who has antagonized the editor in some manner. Each succeeding year of philatelic politics seems to demonstrate more completely the viciousness and demoralizing tendencies of a modern philatelic campaign. Ambition is to be commended in some instances, but where it leads a man to resort to treachery and underhanded work to satisfy it, it cannot be so regarded. This far in advance we hear of the work of office-seekers. Let us pray for a cleaner campaign this year than we looked upon last summer.

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The Washington Philatelist has succumbed to that dread evil, lack of support (and shall we say lack of sympathy from the philatelic public?), and its publishers have discontinued its issuance. We really did enjoy perusing its pages, not because of anything of value likely to be found therein, but just because Major Eagan was so fond of being "independent"—we took pleasure in this particular instance in following this up and endeavoring to ascertain if the collector of today regards with favor these so-called "independent" publications. The true collector, he who is really interested in his stamps, does not care to peruse a paper merely because it is "independent," for an "independent" publication so frequently contains so little matter pertaining to the study of stamps proper.

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Omaha seems to have a "lead-pipe cinch" for the '98 "meets." Some few cities may have the temerity to try and "get in the push," but we are much afraid all but Omaha will

be extended the "marble heart" by collectors who carefully consider the advantages and good accruing from the holding of this convention in Omaha during the Trans-Mississippi Exposition. But our friends in the west should not be caught napping keep up the work as vigorously as has been done in the past and no fear of the result need be indulged in.

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The P. S. of A. is having trouble with its exchange department manager. An unwarranted allowance of substitution without punishing the offender is the principal charge. This is the most common and the worst of all evils attached to a society exchange department. Man after man has taxed his brains endeavoring to discover a preventative, with but indifferent success. It is with no small amount of trouble, but certainly when he is located, he should receive all the penalties the constitution of the society allow.

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And now come the advent of spring and summer, so frequently and properly referred to as the "sleepy" period of stamp collecting, when our pursuit lapses for the nonce into a state of inocuous desuetude. One good feature we can see in our little political imbroglios, and about the only one, is that they serve to rouse collectors from their somnolence during this aforesaid period of lassitude. Say what you may, stamp collecting is not for summer it is in winter and winter only that the majority of us care to devote our leisure time to study. In summer the bicycle, the camera and so many out-door recreations claim our attention. Well, so be it. We cannot see the harm in letting the album rest for the few hot months of the year.

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We must make mention this month of a catalogue of U. S. entire envelopes we have received. It is published by Bartels & Co. and is a criterion to all catalogue publishers. Comprehensive, attractive, accurate and perspicuous what more can we say?

THE ENGLISH STAMP.

The English stamp carries peculiar significance. During its existence there has been but one sovereign. Victoria, crowned in 1837, authorized the first British postage stamp in 1840. There may be collectors who go back to 1840, but none can date 1837. So while "faces full" and "faces profile" of bearded men and monstached men and clean shaved men and youth and children have in varied tints served postal purposes in other lands, Victoria regnant has been the one figure of British stamps from the beginning. Of course allegorical figures have been introduced, and stamps without personal reference; but whenever a real face was to be on a stamp, it was Victoria. So the procession of the stamps of Great Britain become of interest as marking the progress of Victoria youthful, mature, matronly. The English stamps, moreover, trumpet English power. Take your stamp catalogue and turn to where the 1-penny and $\frac{1}{2}$-penny recur. It means England's power everywhere on the "round world."

The English stamps may not be the rage, but England is there and issues the stamp. O. R.

OUR ILLUSTRATION
is the anthor of this story.

A SHORT STORY OF MY STAMPS AND HOW I OBTAINED THEM.

I was asked the other day by a friend, "Does it pay to collect stamps?" and I answered with a yell that could be heard for a half block, "Of course it does." "But," he said, "it costs too much to get any kind of a collection at all." I then told him how I secured mine, just as you will find it here.

I think it was about the year of '92 when I first began to collect stamps. I always had a great desire to collect nearly everything, having several small collections, consisting of Indian relics, minerals, fossils, specimens of wood, etc. I never thought that there were very many kinds of stamps to collect, until a friend of mine (I was living in Illinois at this time) told me where I could get one hundred varieties for fifteen cents. I was delighted and at once sent for the packet, thinking that that was about all the kinds there were.

You can imagine how surprised I was when the stamps came and I saw the price lists of so many different kinds, and some of the prices so high, especially the United States stamps. I took a memorandum book and pasted my stamps down flat in it (not knowing the use of hinges then).

I soon made a visit to my grandmother's and of course asked to look over her old letters to get the stamps from them; and to my surprise, the first ones that I came across was, a 12c black of the 1851 issue, some 1c buffs of the 1869 issue, several 30 and 90 and other war department stamps, some treasury, and a good many envelopes of the centennial issue, and a few revenues.

I took them home and "pasted" one of each in my "memorandum book," and the rest I traded off for other stamps, stamp for stamp, without regard to their value.

Soon my book became full. I then sent for a sample copy of Mekeel's weekly to get the prices of albums, and ordered a Popular album and some hinges, and fixed my stamps up in nice order. Although I did not have but several hundred I felt very proud of them. I also bought a good many stamps from approval sheets with my spare money, not missing it at all.

Then in 1894 I lost the interest that I had taken, and did not collect any more for about two years. I did not dispose of my collection, however. Then when I came to Nebraska in '96 I brought my collection with me, thinking that I might be able to improve it as I was to be assistant postmaster. I was very much surprised to find so much interest manifested in stamps here. I soon got acquainted with a member of the N. P. S. (as most stamp collectors soon get acquainted with each other), and he commenced at once to tell me what a nice society there was here, and the benefits received from it, etc. I resolved at once to join. My friend received some of the exchange books soon, and I saw at once that there were some fine bargains in them, and purchased

several good ones at about half the catalogue price. I also obtained some good packets of stamps and exchanged the duplicates for others that I did not have, and now have a very fair collection of nearly one thousand, and have purchased them a few at a time, not noticing the cost. And what I have done anyone can do. And my advice to others would be, to save the money that you spend for cigars, candy, tobacco, etc., for a while and put it in stamps, and you will soon have a collection that you will be proud of. It has paid me and it will pay you. Try it and see.

J. S. THOMPSON, Ass't P. M.,
Sterling, Neb.

BOILED DOWN.

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE.

Toronto, Canada, is said to have more stamp dealers than any other city of its size in the world. And the interesting part of this is that they all claim to have good business.

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Collectors who are troubled with weak eyes should be careful not to devote too much time to examining their stamps under artificial light. We know of nothing that is harder on the eyesight.

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The Columbian envelopes are a good field for special study and reveal a number of minor varieties to the close observer. There are four distinct dies that are entitled to recognition as much as many that are catalogued. They are as follows:

Die 1. Period after "Cents," meridian back of Columbus' head.

Die 2. Period after "Cents," no meridian back of Columbus' head.

Die 3. No period after "Cents," meridian back of Columbus' head.

Die 4. No period after "Cents," no meridian back of Columbus' head.

The 1c is found in the first three dies, the 2c all four, the 5c dies 1 and 2, the 10c in die 3 only. Die 3 of the 5c might exist, but is certainly quite scarce. Die 4, found only in the 2c. is most common on size P "large commercial." The scarcer sizes come generally one die only.

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It is said the only reason that prompts the government to continue to manufacture the 2c manila and manila amber envelopes is because there is a demand for them by collectors. Certainly the public does not require them to any great extent.

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A Chicago Sunday school is said to have a stamp club, only the members of the school being admitted to membership.

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NOTES.

Did any of the N. P. S. ever see a copy of the "Buckeye State Philatelist"? We sent a year's subscription to the publishers some months since, and have never heard from it.

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It has been announced that Canada will issue a new 3c Jubilee stamp the coming season. As it is to have a limited circulation, would it not be advisable to secure a few copies before some one corners the entire issue?

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We have it on good authority that the supply of government proofs and specimens has been exhausted, and from the same authority that no more will be issued.

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Rev. A. B. Whitmer of Wymore, our worthy N. P. S. Vice-President, recently came this way, and while here delivered a very interesting lecture to the people of Auburn.

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J. G. McBride, a former publisher of Pawnee City, has removed to Stella, where he has purchased a stock of drugs. Although Mr. McBride does not now actively collect, he is still interested in everything pertaining to stamps. He is also quite an ameteur photographer as a visit to his home will testify.

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The stamps of the U. S. on ribbed paper do not seem very popular at present. Perhaps the fact that many collectors can not readily distinguish them, may have something to do with it. Like the 3c pink, once seen they are never forgotten. J. M. Bartels is authority for the statement that the 3c P. O. and 1c Executive may now be found on ribbed paper, the latter, however, existing only as "Specimens" copies.

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The fact of so many minor varieties constantly turning up causes us to wonder if before long—or many years at least—it will not be necessary for some one to issue a standard catalogue for U. S. only.

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Quite a stir is being made over imperforate and part perforated U. S. stamps. In our mind they are simply oddities, and should be considered as such; but nevertheless they seem to bring fancy prices in eastern auctions. If some one will take the trouble to look them up he can find hundreds of such stamps right here in our own state, and he will also find their owners holding them as oddities and nothing else.

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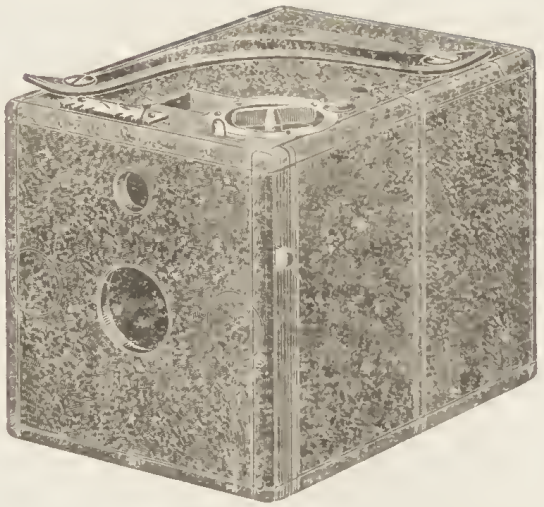
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T. L. GREEN,

County Clerk, Mt. Olivet, Ky.

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A LETTER FROM BRAZIL.

In January appeared the 10 Reis stamps with a few alterations. The first emission was like this below:

DEZ (10) REIS.

And now it is like this:

REIS (10) REIS

Also the numerals are different and thinner.

When the greatest music composer, Carlos Gomez, died here, one of our members of house of representatives presented a bill to emit, on the anniversary of his death, special stamps bearing his likeness, and that with the proceeds of this sale a statue should be erected in memory of him. This proposal was accepted, and so Brazil will have also a commemorative stamp; but I for my part hope that these stamps, which have absolutely no reason to be emitted, as Brazil ought to be rich enough to erect statues to whomsoever she chooses with her own money and not take the funds out of the collectors' pockets, will be blacklisted by the S. S. S. S.

If these stamps would be of some artistic design, like the Saurez of Urnguay, they might serve at least as a nice sort of labels, to paper walls with; but with the beautiful printing house, a government concern, they will be like everything turned out of this establishment that is to say, ugly and without any merit. In my next letter perhaps I can tell you more about this.

It seems that our postoffice officials are getting smarter every day and have found out that the collectors are quite willing to pay for stamps. There are still existing some 400,000 dollars' worth of stamps of the empire and early time of republic which are going to be sold to collectors to raise funds for the necessary alterations in the post-office. Up to now I have not seen a detailed list but I expect to get one soon, as the commission which had to classify all the stamps have finished their task a few days ago.

Stamp collecting is getting the fashion here. At the beginning of 1896 we had not one stamp paper, while actually we have three. Two of them, the *Rerista Philatelica*, Rio de Janeiro, and the *Jornal Philatelico*, San Paula, are edited by dealers and for that reason defend always more or less their respective houses, while the *O. Colleccianador de Sillos*, published in this town, is edited by collectors only and for the benefit of same.

Club life is also very active. There exist the *"Club Philatelico de San Paulo,"* with about thirty members; a section of *"Societe d' exchanges,"* about twenty-five members; and the *"Seccao Brazil,"* of

the Philatelic Club of Berlin, Germany, actually eighty members, whose president the writer is, with branches in Santos, Petropolis, Rio Grande, Pilatas e Malto Grosso. As you see, in comparison with the total number of collectors, a very small number, as there are over 1,500 active collectors known.

For today you must be satisfied with this; my next will be more extensive.

Believe me, Mr. Editor,
Yours truly,
PAUL A. HUEHN, C.E.

CANCELLED TO ORDER.

S. W. HACKER.

Don't you like to receive a stamp paper the middle of February, dated January and advertising Christmas bargains. Should think publishers would either try to get their paper out on time or else date it in the same century it was issued. Moral: Subscribe to THE PHILATELIC WEST, it is always out on time.

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Some books were seen lately in the P. S. of A. Exchange Department containing stamps marked unused and priced accordingly which not only showed on the back that they had been placed on envelopes but whose face plainly showed that the cancellation had been erased. Certainly the Exchange Superintendent would have thrown these books out if he had noticed them, and if they escape him the patrons of the department should boycot such people. Let such peolows be "sat upon" a few times and they will perhaps learn a wholesome lesson.

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Can a man be religious and be a stamp collector? Well, that depends altogether on the kind of a hinge he uses.

Do you know that Omaha wants the conventions in 1898? If you do what you ought, perhaps she'll get them.

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Some one said that philately was going to "smash and ruin." Well, let her go! Perhaps some of us who collect purely for the sake of the stamps and the pleasure of collecting, and are not speculators, can then get hold of some stamps that are entirely beyond our reach.

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Why are some of our eastern papers everlastingly kicking Mekeel's Weekly? Is it because he gets up such a rattling good paper that they are jealous?

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Some one asked me the other day why I fooled away so much time collecting old stamps. My answer was that my stamps were a good deal better company than some people I might name, and that I was certainly spending my leisure moments in better employment than he did at times.

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Some sensible words in the last Pennsylvania Philatelist about collecting philatelic literature. If you are going to make a complete collection why not gather all petty catalogues, price lists and advertising sheets. For some stamp papers contain nothing of interest but the ads, and not real good ads at that.

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It is amusing to note the values placed upon stamps by different individuals. Some dealers price their stamps 20 to 40 per cent. above what you can buy the same for in the exchange department, while some books in the department are priced so high that dealers will far undersell them.

CYCLE AND CAMERA.

We give a few notes of above, and will be pleased to hear from readers if they like such, as it is the main fad for the summer and may be used now and then.

If a cyclist it will pay you to join the L. A. W. and C. R. C. Particulars and blanks sent for postage.



If you expect to get a wheel, read ad. on another page. They can sell you wheels at all prices, and carry the largest line of bicycle sundries and camera supplies in the west, and are the best. The camera advertised is one of the best makes. I have tried both companies and they are O. K.

When a nut repeatedly forces its way off the screw, owing to the wearing of the thread, it is a good plan to cover the thread with rosin before screwing the nuttight. Before putting on the nut it should be slightly warmed.

The farmers of Oxford county, Me., are nearly all taking to bicycles. The other day one of them rode three miles to the store on a wheel, carrying a pail of butter in one hand and a basket of eggs in the other. Another lashed a bag of meal to the handle bar of his wheel and rode home with the load, passing a neighbor who was returning in a wagon.

In camera supplies it pays to get your own solution put up by your druggist, as it is fresher and cheaper.

If you don't want to go to the expense of trays, lamps., etc., you can make your own lamps and use dishes around your house, and can work at night and save having a dark room, or you can darken up your bath room and use it.

We would be pleased to hear from all camera fiends who wish to exchange, and especially from those in Nebraska. Why not form a State Camera Club? If you have any friends interested in cameras and not in stamps please speak to them regards club and exchange.

Of the 1869 issue, Scott catalognes two varieties of the 15c The more common of the two is marked "picture framed" Many a yonng collector not having both the varieties, is at a loss to find the frame. The frame can always be detected by looking under the T in the word postage. At that place the frame runs up to a point and makes what seems to be a small figure, shaped like a diamond.

NEBRASKA'S PRIDE.

The Nebraska Philatelic Society. Organized 1892.



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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

It is with regret we address the members of the Society this month. For the past two or three months, certain of our members have been making complaints against a few others and they in turn have charged their accusers with some petty charge until it looks as if some few were going to cause trouble and discontent to enter our peaceful and prosperous society. Let us work peaceably together and try and make our society the leader in both number of members and mutual benefits, and be a harmonious organization of devout philatelists with our aims set on higher things than quarrels.

Nominations are now in order for officers for the ensuing year. Send your nominations to the president.

WM. B. HOPSON, President.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

I wish to announce that I am not in a position to do justice to any office in the Society for the ensuing year and decline any and all nominations. WM. B. HOPSON.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED.

30. J. J. Kindscher, Superior.

RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED.

128. A. Pilley, Thayer.

NEW MEMBERS.

150. M. H. Carmen, Auburn, Neb.
151. Albert Guenther, Howe, Neb.
152. W. E. Wells, 901 South 20th St., Omaha.
153. Irwin S. Betzer, David City, Neb.
154. B. C. Smith, Beaver City, Neb.
155. E. Mark Kerns, Auburn, Neb.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

156. C. F. Schroeder, Syracuse; reference, Frank T. Shepard.
157. E. A. Holbrook, Syracuse; reference, S. P. Hughes.
158. Irving P. Johnson, 1110 North 23d St., Omaha; reference, H. A. Cheney.
159. Frank Melville, Syracuse; reference, S. P. Hughes.

The above will be admitted to membership in case no charges are filed against them within two weeks.

EXPLANATION.

An explanation is due the members of society for the manner in which the secretary has conducted his office for the past three months. Had the secretary known of his removal to Washington before the election last summer he would never have accepted the office. At the time of leaving for the east I thought I should be able to conduct the affairs of the society as well from there as from my home office. But I found it impossible to do so and I wish to beg the pardon of the society for any delay that has been caused by me. I assure the members that all the books and papers have been kept in perfect order, and the only fault of which I am guilty is a delay in transacting business. I hope this explanation will be satisfactory to the members, and ardently wish that the secretary elected for next year may have more time to attend to his duties.

Nominations are now in order for officers for the ensuing year. Send

nominations to the president. Everybody send in a list of candidates, as the more the merrier.

Hoping this explanation of affairs will be satisfactory, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

CLARENCE L. THURSTON.

The Cairo, Washington, D. C.

NOMINATIONS.

President: A. B. Whitmer.

Vice-President: Miss Adda Whaley, Rev. H. Wendt.

Secretary-Treasurer: R. L. Shepard, Omaha.

Exchange Superintendent: Sam P. Hughes, Howe, Neb.; Rothery, Omaha.

Purchasing Agent: H. E. Bennett, College View.

Attorney. H. A. Cheney, Creighton.

Librarian: F. Shepard, Nebraska City.

Trustees: Wilkinson, Holmes, Platt, Lincoln; M. H. Carman, S. W. Hacker, E. M. Kerns, Auburn.

YOUR DUES ARE DUE.

The dues of following members are now payable. Forward same to president or you will not receive official organ. Nos. 6, 8, 9, 18, 24, 32, 33, 35, 54, 56, 75, 80, 91, 95, 99, 101, 110, 111, 112, 121, 122, 123, 126, 131, 133.

Several notices have been sent to several of these, and it is earnestly asked to pay up in order to keep the society running.



EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

The condition of the department is practically the same as last month's report, as only three new books have been received. There are forty persons on circuits and the supply of books is not equal to the demand. Five additional members have either failed to pay for or return books -W. J. Hendricks, Omaha; F. F. Tomblin, Bartlay, Neb.; O. W. Osterlund, Upland; W. L. Shaw, Madison; and H. A. Simmonds, Cortland. To the many letters I have received asking about the department, I wish to say that it will be run the entire year, and not shut down the first of June as in the past.

Robert Rhone of Kearney refnses to pay me an account of $1.25, and the trustees have advised that a book belonging to Mr. Rhone, valued at $3.33, be held to secure the account.

The matter of Percival Jamison of Omaha sending in used stamps in payment for a purchase from lot No. 36, and also for failure to pay for additional purchase from same lot, has been referred to the trustees.

The running expenses of the department have so far been $22.00 in excess of the receipts.

If you have some good duplicates you wish to sell at a reasonable price, send them in, and you'll be surprised at the result.

Blank books to hold 100 stamps furnished at 5c each.

SAMUEL P. HUGHES.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

We, the undersigned Trustees of the Nebraska Philatelic Society, have examined the charges and evidence brought against C. L. Thurston, Secretary-Treasurer of the above society, and find him guilty of the non-payment of an account of $21.88 in favor of R. L. Shepard of Omaha, Neb; also of a debt of over $20.00 in favor of L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Neb. Mr. Thurston failed to appear or even send in a word in self-defense after receiving due notice of such charges, therefore the trustees hereby dishonorably expel him from his office as Secretary-Treasurer and also membership in the Nebraska Philatelic Society.

WM. B. HOPSON,
E. L. PLATZ,
J. H. KOTERA,
Trustees N. P. S.

Omaha, Neb., May 25th, 1897.

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It pains us deeply to write it, but it must come *adieu*, dear readers; we will in all probability sever our connection with THE PHILATELIC WEST soon, and will no longer have the pleasure of conversing with you through these columns. What we have awaited for some months past in fearsome anticipation has at last arrived, and we can no longer spare time enough from our regular business to make our work in connection with this publication all it should be. We use the plural from sheer force of habit, "we" referring to the editor only. The business manager, Mr. Brodstone, will assume entire control of the paper until another willing devotee can be found. Again, *adieu*.

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Some discord exists among the stockholders of the Mekeel Company, to judge from recent developments.

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The designs of Canada's jubilee stamps have been presented to the public. Two viguettes of Her Majesty will appear thereon. One will portray her as she was at her accession to the throne in 1837, the other as she is at present.

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The American Philatelic Association is to be re-incorporated in Minnesota, in order that cumulative voting may be abolished.

BY THE BUSINESS MANAGER.

Received a copy of Philadelphia Inquirer with two columns of philatelic matter by one of our subscribers, M. M. Strickler, which is the best I have seen of any newspaper. Too bad all our dailies could not devote a column at least in our Sunday papers.

If you are an advertiser you should not fail to send for a copy of Ad Sense, published at 79 5th avenue, Chicago. Mr. C. E. Severn has some fine matter in same.

Received an invitation to attend a meeting of Omaha Philatelic Society at 312 New York Life Building. Sorry I can not attend. If you live

in Omaha do not fail to write R. L. Shepard, secretary, for particulars.

Received price lists of H. Gremmel of New York; W. H. Hollis Stamp Co. of San Francisco; W. Sellschop & Co. of San Francisco; Joe F. Beard of Muscatine, Iowa; auction catalogues of W. S. Scott and J. N. Burton of New York; price list of T. L. Green, Mt. Olivet, Ky.

Readers, we would be pleased to receive the names of all your "active" friend collectors, as well as a history of your collection, and if you have a cut will use it with same.

Canadian Revenue catalogue of W. R. Adams of 7 Ann street, Toronto, Canada. Is the finest and neatest in size and style I have yet seen, and they offer it for 8c to all readers who ment on this paper.

T. L. Green of Mt. Olive, Ky., is a candidate for Sales Superintendent of P. S. of A., and I believe we can not look further for a better man, as he will make the best one yet.

C. O. Jensen has moved from Milwaukee avenue, and is now manager in South Chicago of C. R. Cave Department Store. You will do well to call and see him if in the city, as he knows how to treat anyone right. We hope to give a cut of him soon, he being of the same nationality. Can say that he is a jolly good fellow.

Burton & Burton of Lake Geneva, Wis., have got out some neat circulars.

E. L. Platz has kindly sent a copy of the Omaha Excelsior, having cuts of what the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition is to be, which is well worth the price asked. The publisher, Mr. Chase, is a collector of stamps, being Scott's agent for Omaha.

If this is marked you may know that you are one of the advertisers who still owe this paper, and will receive a free ad if it is not paid by the 15th; also same to several who still owe us for stamps; will also put the matter in the society's hands to help out.

Are you going to attend the stamp meets of the A. P. A. or P. S. of A.? If you are not, will be pleased to get your proxy and use as you wish, or you can send me the proxy you get with ballot, as I hope to attend if I have the price and time.

Can any of the readers help me out on early Nebraska papers? Who has a complete file of Nebraska Stamp News, reported to have published 9 numbers in '89; Midland Philatelist, reported to have published 2 numbers in '90; Collectors' Aid, reported to have published 6 numbers in '87; Collectors' Companion, reported to have published 3 numbers in '89. One of the first papers is all I have ever been able to see of any of the above.

A LETTER FROM JAPAN.

I notice in one of your numbers sent me an article relating to the Japanese Commemorative (not Jubilee) stamps of last year's issue, and of the usual amount of mistakes that characterize the average accidental writer of this empire. 1st there was no warfare in the Japanese press over the selecting of two deceased princes of the blood to commemorate the great victory over China. A protest went up against the wholesale obliteration of the portraits by the postmasters and they were ordered to cancel the stamps as near in the corners as possible, to remove any feeling of "disrespect" towards the deceased. Such a protest could come only from the common classes, and was no doubt akin to the feeling that refused to print the image of its emperor of Brazil on his early

emmissions. 2d—The writer is wholly off his base when he speaks of the discrimination between the two generals. At least six months before the stamps appeared it was announced that both warriors would be commemorated, and on equal terms. The issue was opened to the public patronage on August 1 last. There were fourteen million copies of the four designs originally printed, though in what proportions I do not know. They were very sparingly issued. The chief clerk in the central Tokyo postoffice told me a few days in advance that they would not have but *seven hundred sets* to sell on August 1, and a corresponding limit would be made the other postoffices throughout the empire on that day. Of course they were taken up like wild fire. The next distribution was made about November 15, and it did not long remain unsold. Since that date I have not kept any notice of the limit of their distribution, though I believe it is about every two months. In consequence the stamps are very scarce here, and I am informed that the *Kita Shirakana*, 5 sen blue, is almost impossible to obtain now.

I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Stanley Gibbons last month on his visit to Tokyo, as well as supply some "wants" from my duplicates for his great stock. He agrees with me that when the U. S. and English colonials have towered above the average purse, the old stamps of Japan are going to have their day.

With cordial best wishes for your excellent paper, believe me,

Very truly yours,

REV JOHN DAVIS.

53 Tsukiji, Tokyo, Japan.

OUR ILLUSTRATION.

We are pleased to give in this number a cut of our friend Rev. A. B. Whitmer, now of Wymore, Neb., formerly of Superior. Wr. Whitmer is vice-president of the Nebraska Philatelic Society, and is also one of the leading ministers of the Methodist church in this state. We expect to give a history of his large collection soon, as he has a very fine one, having made a specialty of U. S. stamps. He has served the N. P. S. as counterfeit detector and chairman of the board of trustees with the best of satisfaction to all concerned. Mr. Whitmer is a very enthusiastic collector and takes great interest in promoting the growth of the society and making it an honorable occupation; and we hope to see him made president of the society, for we are confident that under his careful and able management the collector's occupation would be greatly benefited and strengthened, and its up-building would be almost magical. Many followers of philately have been brought into the ranks by Mr. Whitmer's influence and help. As he is extensively known throughout the state, our illustration will be greatly appreciated by Nebraska readers of the "WEST."

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Boston Society, Elk Hall, Boston, Mass.

Baltimore Society, 719 Equitable Bldg., Baltimore, Md.

Detroit Society, *4157 W. Canfield Ave.. Detroit, Mich.

Cleveland Society, *446 The Arcade, Cleveland, Ohio.

Chicago Society, 651 Marquette Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

Collectors' Club, 351 4th Ave., New York City.

Kansas City Society, *1517 Forest Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

Metropolitan Club, *Room 33 Clifford Bldg., San Antonio, Tex.

Minneapolis Society, *611 Masonic Temple, Minapolis, Minn.

Omaha Society, *312 New York Life Bldg., Omaha, Neb.

Philadelphia Collectors' Club, Rooms 20 and 21. First Floor, Continental Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.

Pacific Society, *16 Geary St., San Francisco, Cal.

Pittsburg Society, *421 Word St., Pittsburg, Pa.

Queen City Society, 829 17th St., Denver, Colo.

St. Paul Society. *656 Summit Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

Washington, D. C., Club, *L. and T. Bldg., Washington, D. C.

SECRETARIES OF NATIONAL SOCIETIES.

A. P. A., Joe F. Beard, Muscatine, Iowa, Box 73.

Columbian Society, L. Fritter, 32 North Grant Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

League of American Philatelists, C. B. Hesse. Ft. Madison, Iowa.

Philatelic Sons of America, C. Beamish, Box 1308, Philadelphia, Pa.

Sons of Philatelia, R. M. Miller, New Chester, Pa.

Southern Philatelic Association, R. M. Bradley, Abilene, Tex.

Postal Card Society, W. C. Stone, 384 Union St., Springfield, Mass.

CANADIAN SOCIETIES.

Canadian Philatelic Association, E. F. Wurtle, Quebec, Canada.

Dominion Philatelic Association, A. H. Adams, Whitby, Ont., Canada.

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E. H. Solly, 3 South St , Deal, Kent, England, is naturalist and stamp collector and wishes to exchange.

I. S. Betzer, David City, Neb., has stamps to exchange.

B. C. Smith, Beaver City, Neb., wishes to exchange.

L. Brodstone, Superior, Neb., wishes to exchange photos; also stamps for photo sundries and supplies.

O. Root, Clinton, N. Y., wishes to exchange U. S. Stamps for same; also revenues.

Stamps and stamp papers to exchange for Argosy and Standard magazines. Send lists. F. T. Shepard, Lincoln, Neb., box 335.

California humming bird nest to exchange for 7 large U. S. cents or 3 copper ½c. Three varieties of California bird's eggs, 4 Chinese coins, 3 philatelic papers, 50 varieties of good stamps or a fire kindler for any of the following sent me: Silver ½ dime, 3c piece, 2c piece, ½c piece, large cent piece, flying eagle cent piece, or perfect arrow point sent me. Burns Cherry. Santa Rosa, Cal.



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"Type I. differs from types II. and III. in a very marked manner, the pearls in the circle enclosing the head are irregularly formed, and the circle is upward of a millimeter distant from the upper tablet, while in types II. and III. the pearls are more regular in shape, and the circle is not more than a third of a millimeter from the tablet.

The shading, such as it is, on the face of Ceres in type I., is in dots, and there are six grapes in the second row of the cluster, while in type II. and III. the shading is in lines and there are four grapes.

"Type III is readily distinguishable from type II., as the lettering, especially that in the upper tablet, is much larger and more distinct than in the latter.

"*Don't* try to distinguish these types by means of the Greek border in the right lower portion of the frame, as has been suggested in certain quarters."



Professor Philatelicus' Black List.

PERU, 1893 ISSUE, 2C BLUE.

The second R in the word "CORREOS" is slanting, the lines are too thick, all the letters in the words "DOS CENTAVOS" are irregular in the forgeries. The llama is also badly drawn, it looks patchy, whereas it is nicely and clearly printed in the originals. From the *Filatelista Sud-Americano* and P. J. of G. B.

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	5c " " " double line at bottom	8 00
1846	5c " Providence	2 50
1847	5c brown, fine	40
	10c black, unsevered pair	4 00
1851	1c blue, type I	8 00
	5c brown	5 50
	*12c black	8 00
1855	*1c blue, type II	90
	*3c outer line V perf. missing	4 00
	5c brown, type I	5 00
1861	Aug. 10c very dark green, v. fine	7 00
	Sept. *10c green	60
	90 blue	1 50
1867	3c rose, entire stamp grilled	7 00
	3c " 13x16	2 00
	3c " 12x14	90
	*3c " 11x13	25
	15c black 11x13, perfect centered, rare thus	4 00
	15c black, 11x13, poorly centered	1 00
1869	*1c buff	1 00
	*3c blue	25
	30c blue and carmine	1 25
	Entire set war*	2 50
	" " Int.*	2 50
	" " Treas.*	5 00

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1863	2c black, buff, 1042	50
1864	2c pink, white, 1050	05
1864	6c pink, white, 1051	40
	9c yellow, buff, 1054	4 00
	9c orange, 1055	1 00
	12c brown, 1056	2 00
1876	90c carmine, 1145	3 75

PERF. REV.

1s Manifest	40
1d Passage Ticket	2 50
1d Power Attorney	05
2d Probate Will	40
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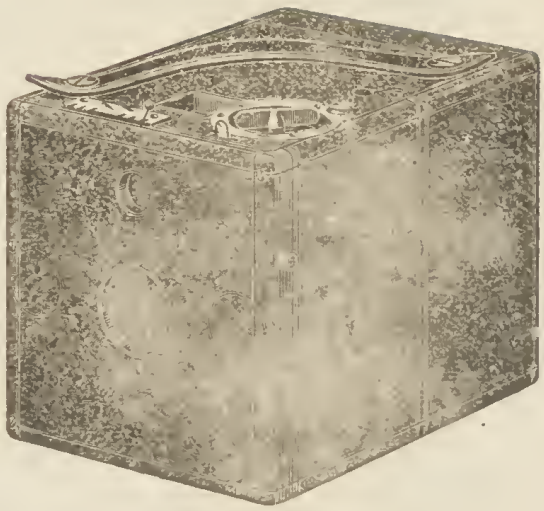
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"Enclosed find money order for $3.00. Please send me three more Tascora packets. The last two were great bargains, and sold for many times what they cost."

Rev. H. Wendt, pastor Lutheran church at Sterling, Neb., writes:

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"The Tascora packet of 100 varieties Mexican revenues received yesterday. I am well pleased. REV. C. SCHOEBER, Nelson, Neb."

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[illegible]	4 00	25	01
[illegible]	1 00		35
[illegible]			05

50 Mortgage, blue	$1 00	$ 25	$ 05
50 Original Process		35	01
50 Passage Ticket			15
50 Probate of Will, blue	2 00	2 00	1 00
50 Surety Bond, blue		40	05
60 Inland Exchange	1 00	1 00	15
70 Foreign Exchange		1 00	15
1 00 Conveyance, red		20	15
1 00 Entry of Goods, red	1 25		03
1 00 Foreign Exchange		70	03
1 00 Inland Exchange		10	01
1 00 Lease, red	1 25		05
1 00 Life Insurance, red			15
1 00 Manifest, red	1 75		75
1 00 Mortgage, red	1 00		
1 00 Passage Ticket, red			6 00
1 00 Power of Attorney			05
1 00 Probate of Will, red	1 50		75
1 30 Foreign Exchange			90
1 50 Inland Exchange		20	08
2 00 Conveyance, red			12
2 00 Mortgage, red			13
2 00 Probate of Will			90
2 50 Inland Exchange, violet			07
3 00 Charter Party, red	1 50		18
3 00 Manifest, green			20
3 50 Inland Exchange, blue			1 40
5 00 Charter Party, red	2 00		16
5 00 Conveyance, red			15
5 00 Manifest, red	3 00		1 75
5 00 Mortgage, red			55
5 00 Probate of Will	8 00		65
10 00 Charter Party			70
10 00 Conveyance, green	3 00		2 75
10 00 Mortgage, green	3 50		1 00
10 00 Probate of Will			80
15 00 Mortgage, blue	15 00		5 25
20 00 Conveyance, red	2 00		1 50
20 00 Probate of Will			25 00
25 00 Mortgage, red			3 50
50 00 U. S. Internal Revenue	6 25		3 00
200 00 U. S. Internal Rev.	23 00		15 00

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3c " "	35
4c " "	45
5c " "	05
10c " "	03
15c " "	40
20c " "	20
25c " "	01
30c " "	85
40c " "	50
50c " "	02
70c " "	65
$1 00 " "	07
1 50 " "	20
1 90 " "	4 00

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HOW THEY WERE USED.

Almost all of the different values f United States stamps have been ssued for some especial use; that is, here has been some rate that equired each value. The relative alue of som · of them can be better nderstood if we consider what they vere most used for.

The one cent has been used to pay he single newspaper rate since 851; the single rate on drop letters rom 1851 to 1863; and during late ears, the single rates on drop etters, printed matter or merchanlise.

The two cent value was originally ssued in 1863 to pay the single rate on drop letters; since 1883 it has been used to pay the single rate on domestic letters.

The three cent was first issued in 1851 for the single letter rate, in which use it continued until 1883. There is no three cent rate at present, and as it cannot be conveniently used on letters it is generally met with on third and fourth class matter. Unused three cent stamps were redeemed from 1884 to 1895, the object being to relieve persons holding quantities of them when the letter rate was reduced from three to two cents.

The four cent was issued in 1883 for double letter postage.

The five cent was used from 1847 to 1851 for the single letter rate; from 1851 to 1856 for the single rate on unpaid letters, and from 1856 to 1863 for the registration fee. It was discontinued in 1868. Since 1875 it has been used for the postal union single letter rate.

The six cents was first issued in 1869 for the double letter rate and the single rate to England. In 1871 the single rate to Germany and several other countries was reduced to six cents. In 1875 it ceased to be of especial use for foreign postage and in 1883 for double domestic rates. Since 1883 it has been used principally for triple letter rates.

The seven cents was issued from 1870 to 1875 for the single rate to Denmark and other countries.

The eight cents was issued for the registration fee in 1893. As all offices keep this value it is used on packages more than any value above the five cent

The ten cent has always been used for various single foreign rates, and since 1875 for the double rate to postal union countries. Beginning with 1855 it was used for a few years for the single letter rate to California. From 1870 to 1893 it was used for the registration fee. Since 1893 it has been largely used on registered letters to pay the registration fee and the postage.

The twelve cent was issued for several foreign rates from 1851 to 1875.

The fifteen cent was issued for the registration fee in 1875.

The twenty-four cent was first issued in 1875 for the rate to England and other countries.

The thirty cent was first used for the single rate to Germany.

The fifty cent of 1893 took the place of the thirty cent for packages.

The ninety cent was first intended for the triple rate to Germany.

The dollar values took the place of the ninety cent.

The stamps most used on packages at any particular period were the stamps used for the single foreign letter rate and the registration fee of that period because most all offices kept these in stock.

FRED B. WOOLSTON.

U. S. CANCELLATIONS.

Lack of uniformity in the cancellation and obliteration of postage stamps of the United States seems to be one of the chief characteristics of the postoffice department. Very seldom do we find that the obliteration and postmark of our town is similar to that of the adjoining village. Anything from a pen scratch to a smudge of lampblack seems to be good enough for Uncle Sam. The comparison with foreign countries is unfavorable to us in this respect, with the exception of a few overzealous British officials who insist on blacking the denomination of the stamp incomprehensible. There is a large field for improvement in this branch of the postoffice department, and probably in time will develop into uniform methods. What would be the result if something happened that our present and past issues became obsolete and remainders sold at less than face value, like our neighbors, N. Brunswick and B. E. Islands and B. Columbia, etc. Then some wonderful authority would arise and state that stamps with such and such a postmark were the only genuine cancellations and all others were forgeries, or that the stamps to be genuine must be on the original covers. Herewith is appended a short description of a few of our cancellations since 1873.

1. Series. Five concentric rings, two heavy, three light, purple ink.

2. Two concentric rings, large dot in center, blue ink.

3. Ring, enclosing five pointed star, black ink.

4. Ring with spoke-like arms radiating from center, and having the center portion of wavy-line circles, black ink.

5. Plain five pointed star, black ink.

6. Maltese cross, white border round edges of outline, black and purple ink.

7. Maltese cross, cut from cork, circular outlines, black ink.

8. Maltese cross, cut from cork, straight outlines, black ink.

9. Gridiron of square dots about $\frac{1}{8}$ in. square, black ink.

10. Same, only round dots, black ink.

11. Maltese cross, outer edges cut out to resemble hearts, black ink.

12. Plain dot from cork of ink bottle, black ink, etc.

These are only a few of our cancellations, but it is enough to show how terrible a job it would be to determine the correct one, supposing such an unlikely event as above mentioned should occur.

E. W. FITT.

CHILI.

The first issue of this country is interesting. It furnishes one of the best fields at present for the student in minor varieties in the way of shade, paper, watermark and printing. Mr. Slade has mentioned very many lines, etc., that he thinks may be printers' marks. I have not been able to settle any that he describes on any particular printing, yet it seems very likely that marks might have been made to distinguish the work of the different printers. This is an excellent opportunity for someone to discover an engraver's mark that will be a sure test for the different prints. Mr. Slade's articles can be found in the *Philatelists' Supplement to the Bazaar* for October, 1896, or the *Daily Stamp Item* for November 10, 1896.

The stamps are engraved in taille douce each plate being made from a die. It is probable that there was more than one plate for at least the centavos because the early specimens are very irregularly placed while later copies are more even. The paper is hand made, varying in thickness, and watermarked; the value in outline numerals. As in handmade stamp paper, a different wire die or bit was required for each stamp in the sheet. Two different sets of dies were used for the 10 centavos. The small 10 watermark measures 8 mm. high and the large 10 9 mm. The large 10 is much plainer than the small 10. For the 5 centavos there were probably three sets of dies. These have been described as the small 5 (with the bar connecting the upper and lower parts of the 5 vertical), the medium or slanting 5 (with the bar slanting), and the large 5 (1867). Both the vertical and slanting 5 and 5s with all degrees of slant between them are found on the 1853 printing, while only the true slanting 5 is found on the 1854 and 1857 prints. So it does not appear that the vertical and slanting 5 represent two separate sets of wire dies. The 10 centavos, of which fewer were printed than of the 5 centavos, required two sets of dies, and the 1854 and 1857 printing does not bear the strictly vertical 5 that is found on the 1853 print. So it is evident that there must have been a change in the 5 watermark in 1854 and that the vertical and slant 5s do not represent this change but are found together in the first set. There does not seem to have been much difference between these two sets, except that the second set are *all* slanting 5s. All of the watermarks differ more or less in size and shape. With a sufficient number of blocks and pairs it would be possible to re-construct a sheet of watermarks. That would be the only sure way to determine the difference between the first and second sets of the 5 centavos watermark.

The edges of the sheet have watermarked lines as in the early English stamps, and also the value in outline capitals. These lines would help in reconstructing. From the proportion of stamps showing lines the sheets cannot be very large. The wire bits probably became bent, as numerous misshapen watermarks are found. The large 5 is not found with the lines.

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PICKINGS.

The 10c blue Hawaiian Island stamp (Scott's 914) may be found with guide lines surrounding the entire stamp. Early issues of U. S. revenues often show the same lines. The little balls at the corners of each stamp were placed exactly where the lines crossed.

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The Hon. P. M. General of Canada has decided that advertising matter in the way of pictures, etc., may be placed on the front of postal cards. There will be no restrictions as long as enough space is left for the name and address. The same authority has also reduced the postage on first class mail matter to England, from 5 cents for each half ounce to 5 cents for each ounce.

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For the benefit of those unable to distinguish between an engraved and a lithographed stamp, the following is recommended: Take the stamp you wish to test and place it upon a piece of glass or some hard, smooth substance, and cover the face with a piece of tinfoil such as comes around tobacco. Smooth out any wrinkles, and press down until very smooth. If you can see the impression of the stamp design in relief, it is engraved; if not, it is lithographed.

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A great deal has been said and written regarding watermarks, but the simplest, cheapest and easiest way is to place the stamp face down on a piece of unsensitized ferreotype and moisten with pure benzine. Unused stamps treated in this way are uninjured, as the benzine quickly evaporates.

Authorities claim but 40,000 of the 10c blue San Marino, 1887, were ever issued. Considering the number likely to be in dealers' and collectors' hands, would this not be a good stamp to buy.

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Queen Wilhelmina of Holland will celebrate her sixteenth birthday by issuing a new set of postage stamps. The issue may be looked for next August.

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China has a new issue of adhesive stamps and has gone into the stamp business on a large scale. So far I have seen but five values, $\frac{1}{2}$ cent red-brown, 1 cent yellow, 2 cents orange, 4 cents brown, 5 cents red. Design of stamp similar to Scott's A3 excepting the customary dragon in center. Size of stamp 20x23 m.m., perforated 11, on very thin hard wove paper, poorly gummed. The Inspector General of this enlightened country has issued a circular regarding the Imperial Chinese Post in which he says that communication will be maintained all winter both by land and sea between the following places. Peking, Chefoo, New Chang, Tientsin, Shaing hai and Chinkiang.

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The 25 centovas lilac Mexico, 1886 issue, may be found in a very distinct shade, almost a blue grey. The 25 centovas red of the 1872 issue on watermarked paper, pin perforation, is a pink and not red as given in the catalogues. The reprints of the 20 centovas lilacs, 1886 issue, are very dark, almost black. The paper is very thin, poorly gummed and inclined to curl.

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UNITED STATES.

There are several items of interest in the postmaster-general's report. The most important is his recommendation that the newspaper stamps be abandoned. He suggests that the accounts be kept by a system of duplicate receipts. This change will be very welcome to those connected with the department, but from a philatelic standpoint it is not so nice. We have two alarming conditions staring us in the face. If the remainders are destroyed the present set will be very rare, or if they are hoisted on the public there is no telling where the present prices will drop. Personally we are not sorry to see them go, as we do not consider them collectable in the highest sense of the word—they not being sold to the public.

He also suggests a special registration envelope of the denomination of 10 cents—8 cents for the register fee and 2 cents for one letter rate. This envelope is to be made of a superior quality of paper. It will come under the special request provisions and will be popular with banks and business firms. If this 10 cent envelope is issued a 13 cent for foreign use will probably follow.

He also wishes a law requiring full prepayment on all mail. At present first class mail is forwarded if one full rate, two cents, is paid. This rule would lessen the use of due stamps. Wanamaker wanted to have any class of matter sent C.O.D. at the option of the writer.

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THAT EXHIBITION.

We are very glad to hear that the exhibition committee of the N. P. S. have secured space at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition. Now we must strive to make it a success. It is the best possible way to impress upon the public the scientific, artistic and commercial sides of philately. Although I think that under the head of commercial philately they have perhaps had enough talk about the high values paid for rare stamps. Most of the public not having experienced the joy of having or the sorrow of not having a 90 cent Justice, are not able to appreciate the value we set upon them; and when they hear of the

gnre we set npon some stamps, he sober citizen is apt to call us ranks.

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It is not fair to exchange or sell stamps of different degrees of perection at a uniform rate of catalog.

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When we are in donbt as to the correct classification of a stamp, we nave fonnd it quite safe, if not scientific, to guess it as the commonest variety.

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Some collectors hold aloft from oddities and freaks, yet almost every abnormal stamp can show us something concerning how the stamps are made.

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We have a friend who has solved the question of monnting minor varieties he does not mount them but keeps his stamps in a stock book where they can be readily examined.

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The recent newspaper dispatches in regard to the suppression of the Clipperton Island Guano Co. by the Mexican government lead us to believe that the old saying has been fulfilled the devil has come after his own.

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We Nebraskans can feel proud if we want to of the fact that we are to have a Trans-Mississippi issne. The values will be 1, 2, 5, 10 and 50 cent, $1.00 and $2.00, twice the size of the current set. The designs will be symbolical of the Trans-Mississippi region. Commemorative stamps have not been popular with the American pnblic in the past, and we ventnre to predict and sincerely hope that the department's expectation "to realize handsomely" will not be fnlfilled.

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The Jnbilee issnes have been receiving all kinds of nncomplimentary talk. It is said that the $4 and $5 Canada cannot be used for postage because the postage on a single package can never be that high. The same objection was made to the Colnmbians, but it is a mistake in both cases. There is no limit to the weight of first class matter in Canada or the United States. The real grounds for complaint is that they are issned for a short time only and in addition to the regular set. The selling of the Jnbilee stamps in sets only is an outrage to the pnblic as well as to philately.

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There is very little that can be said against Chilians, from the standpoint of a specialist or of a general collector. They furnish good material for study while there are no objectionable minor varieties. They are far ahead of most South Americans, being almost free from connterfeits, surcharges, reprints and nnnecessary issnes. The early stamps printed by Perkins, Bacon & Co resemble the early English, while the later issnes, being the work of the American Bank Note Co., are very much like our own stamps. There is a great deal yet to be learned abont the first issne.

P. M. Wolseiffer of Chicago has sent a protest to the P. M. General against the proposed issue to commemorate the Omaha Exposition.

BOILED DOWN.

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE.

Mr. W. S. Webb says in the *Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser* that the paper of Great Britain 4d watermarked small and medium garter is doctored from blue to white and white to blue respectively.

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Germany is to issue a return letter stamp, says *The Philatelic Monthly and World*. A coupon attached to the regular stamp will be good for return postage from all parts of the world to Germany.

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Three kinds of type were used in printing the one cent surcharge on the three cent mauve Newfoundland. According to the *Virginia Philatelist*, of type I, there were printed about 31,000; type II, 6,400; and type III, 1,600. Ten sheets were printed in red surcharge, and thirty-five in a double surcharge, red and black.

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The *P. J. of G. B.* says that a little alum added to the water in which stamps are cleaned will keep them from fading.

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G. C. Corbaley in *Mekeel's Weekly* says that there were two issues of "speciman" departments. The first was prepared in 1875 to be sent to U. P. U. countries. The second issue was for sale at the centenial. The only distinguishing point is the lack of gum on the last printing.

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We have received the *Stamp Collector's Almanac* from England. It gives us a history of philately for 1897. We find that forty-five countries have issued about 500 new varieties, about seventy of which consist of surcharges. Among the important events of the year mentioned are: The newspaper stamp scare, the London exhibition, the increase of commemorative issues, the doings of the S. S. S. S., and the deaths of a number of prominent philatelists, among whom are John K. Tiffany and Henry Gremmel. We add L. T. Green, exchange superintendent of the P. S. A., and Washington Hessing, ex-postmaster of Chicago.

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Mekeel's Weekly says that a supply of the current one cent has been printed in green.

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The number of the higher value Bureau stamps issued without watermark is as follows:

6 cent	5,000,000.
8 cent	2,000,000.
15 cent	1,500,000.
50 cent	175,000.
$1.00	35,046.
$2.00	10,027.
$5.00	6,251.
10 cent S. D.	3,000,000.

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The flying mule surcharge on the war departments has at last been accounted for. It was the Port Townsend, Wash., postmark.

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The Spanish government has issued a new war stamp to pay a special war tax of five cents on all letters.

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Stamps must be printed in the international colors by Jan. 1, 1899. The uniform colors will enable

postoffice officials to more readily determine the amount of postage due. A green stamp will always stand for one local rate, a red stamp for one domestic rate, and a blue stamp for one U. P. U. rate.

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The U. S. reply cards come cut in two different ways; sometimes the fold is at the top and sometimes it is at the bottom.

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The inscriptions on German stamps are supposed to be in Latin.

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U. S. cards are found on two very different kinds of paper.

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We have seen a portion of an envelope bearing an 80 centimes rose French empire of 1863 and a blue yellow republic of 1870.

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The Postoffice Department's arrangement with the Bureau of Engraving and Printing expires next June.

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Buffalo and New York now have oval postmarks.

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The department is now strictly enforcing the rule against the redemption of addressed stamped envelopes entrusted to persons for a reply.

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U. S. reply cards were authorized by congress in 1879.

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The same die, except the frame, was used for the early Great Britain 1 and 2 pence. This remark also applies to the re-engraved or die II. The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* has the following to say about the differences between the dies:

"As will be remembered, die I. was used for the penny black of 1840, and for the penny red of 1841-54; and the retouch, by Mr. Humphrey, in 1854 is known as die II. The difficulty in distingnishing between the dies is chiefly due to the fact that good copies of die I. are very similar to die II., but, as at least one of the sixteen points enumerated below will be observable, even in used copies, I hope that a perusal of them will help to dispel any doubts as to the identity of any particular copy.

(I. signifies the original, II. the re-engraved die.)

I. The upper of the two rows of jewels in the band of the diadem appears to be of round stones. II. The deep shading at the side of each stone in the upper of the two rows of jewels in the band of the diadem gives them a diamond-shaped appearance.

I. The shading below the band of the diadem is very light. II. The shading below the band of the diadem is very heavy

I. The shading on the upper eyelid is very faint. II. There are eight heavy lines at right angles to the curve of the upper eyelid.

I. The lower eyelid is lightly shaded with dots. II. The lower eyelid is heavily shaded with lines.

I. The entire nose is quite straight. II. The nose, at its juncture with the forehead, is concave, which gives the bridge a convex appearance, entirely altering the shape of the organ.

I. The shading in the eyeball is very slight. II. The shading in the eyeball is very pronounced.

I. The nostril is comparatively straight. II. The nostril is larger

and distinctly arched, with heavier shading.

I. The mouth is open, showing a short upper lip. II. The mouth is almost closed, showing a much longer upper lip.

I. The top of the chin, just under the lower lip, forms a curve. II. The top of the chin shows a distinct indentation, causing the lower lip to appear much fuller.

I. The bottom of the chin is shaded with dots. II. A line has been added to the bottom of the chin, almost at the edge, following its curve up to the above-mentioned indentation.

I. The top of the band behind the ear is faint. II. The top of the band behind the ear is quite distinct.

I. The lower edge of the band is formed by two faint lines, with an intermediate white space. II. The lower edge of the band forms one thick line, the white space having disappeared.

I. The penultimate twist of the pendent curl appears to go almost straight down to the next twist. II. The penultimate twist of the pendent curl curves distinctly round towards the center of same.

I. The shading on the external rim of the ear is comparatively heavy. II. The shading on the external rim of the ear is lighter and less distinct.

I. The lobule of the ear curves slightly towards the front of the ear. II. The lobule of the ear ends abruptly on reaching its lowest point.

I. The cheek is very delicately shaded. II. The shading of the cheek is much heavier, and of a coarser character."

NOTES BY THE BUSINESS MANAGER.

We again resume publication with a new editor in charge and leave the readers to judge of the benefit.

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Communications are welcomed from all. A hint, a suggestion, sometimes helps another more than we can tell.

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Our readers should read the advertisements, as some nice bargains are offered in this issue.

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It will pay you to write for the price list of Joe Beard, as he offers some fine bargains, especially in U. S.

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The Standard Stamp Co. and C. E. Hussman issue large price lists of packets, etc., which are well worth sending for.

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S. P. Hughes, being U. S. agent for Mexican stamps, is selling them very cheap.

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One of the neatest auction catalogues seen this year is that of B. L. Drew, of Boston, Mass.

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Received auction catalogues of Bogert & Durbin Co. and W. L. Scott Co. of New York, Baltimore Philatelic Society of Baltimore, Md.; price lists of Kolomo Stamp Co., Dayton, O.; H. H. Ashworth, Manchester, England; Hawaii Stamp Co., Honolulu, H. I.; sample hinges of Geo. S. McKearin, Hoosic Falls, N. Y.; circular of E. B. Jones, Sioux City, Iowa; H. L. Coombs, St. Johns, N. B., Canada; American Collectors Co. of New York.

CAMERA AND STAMPS.

We find that most of our readers ve cameras, and as our last numr was liked so well we have cided to continue the same. amps and camera work nicely gether. Any club or society that ves a lantern display of them are ll repaid by the added interest at is taken. If you wish to send a oto of your rarest stamp to a iend, or to a dealer if for sale, by eing it they have something to go .

Mr. Hughes gives a good idea of king a print of stamps in the rforator, as any defect and the xture of the paper are shown up: "Place the stamp desired to print om face out under the glass, then face your paper in frame next to e flannel, clip down and expose to e sun for a few minutes. The nged frame is necessary, as one de of the stamp can easily be amined without removing from e frame. When the desired prints re obtained, tone in an ordinary ombined bath, and dry face down, n unsensitized ferreotype to give a olish. However, if the prints are be burnished, this last is unnec ssary. It is not necessary to under tand photography to make such rints."

If you have no printing frame ooden clothes clips and pieces of lass the size of stamp can be used.

A nice mount on glass can be nade by using your old plates after ilm is removed. Squeegee stamp or print face downward upon it, and out on a cardboard back; and make standard if you wish.

A camera club for Nebraska is lesired by a large number. Send ny hints or suggestions, as well s any names you wish for officers, nd a call for an election will be issued in our next number. It will be free for all to join. The object being to exchange prints and help each other. We can meet during the Exposition and get acquainted. I would like to learn your idea. Write at once to L. Brodstone, Superior, Neb.

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Sam Vestey, Freshfield, Eng., near Liverpool, will send 50 stamps or entires of England and Wants for others. Reference, publisher.

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" "	2c green on amber manila, size 2 "Dotted 2"	.10.
" "	2c green on manila, size 2 "Dotted 2"	.10.
" "	2c green on manila, size 3, Penalty watermark	.25.
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"	1877, 2c green	01
"	1877, 8c lake	01
"	1884, 1c red	01
i "	1888, [illegible]c blue	01
"	1889, [illegible] ultramarine	01
i "	1889, 1c brown	01
i "	1890, 1/4c green	01
"	1890, 40c olive green	03
"	1892, [illegible], 1 and 2c, 3 for	02
"	1892, 3, 5 and 10c, 3 for	03
"	1892, 12 [illegible] blue	02
"	[illegible] 16c gray	03
Bolivia	1866, 5c green	03
"	1867, 2c violet	02
"	1887, 50c orange	02
"	1890, 1c lilac	02
"	1893, 1c bister	01
"	1894, 2c [illegible] red	02
"	1894, 5c green	01
"	1894, 10c brown	01
"	1894, 20c blue	03
Brazil	1866, 100 r gray	01
"	1877, 200 r green	01
"	1878, 100 r black	02
"	1887, 100 r orange	02
"	1887, 20 r olive	01
"	1888, 100 r lilac	02
"	1888, [illegible] head 100 r	02
"	1888, 500 r lilac	01
"	1887, 50 r blue	01
"	1888, 100 r lilac	02
i "	1891, 10 r rose and blue	01
"	1850, 10 r olive, newspaper	01
"	1866, 20 r green, newspaper	01
"	1866, 50 r pale brown, newspaper	02
"	1880, 10 r [illegible], unpaid	02
"	1880, 100 r carmine, unpaid	03
"	1906, 10 r orange, unpaid	01
i "	1906, 20 r ultramarine, unpaid	02
"	1890, 200 r mauve, unpaid	03
"	1890, 300 r green, unpaid	10
i British Honduras	1891, 2c rose	03
i "	1891, 3c brown	05
i Canada	1882, [illegible]c black	02
i " Jubilee	1897, 1c orange	02
i " "	1897, 2c green	03
i " "	1897, 3c rose	04
i " "	1897, 5c blue	07
i " "	1897, 50c ultramarine	60
i "	1898, new issue, [illegible]c black	01
i "	1898, " " 1c green	02
"	1898, " " 2c violet	03
"	1898, " " 5c rose	04

i "	1898, " " 5c blue	$. 06
i "	1898, " " 6c brown	08
Cape of Good Hope	1885, 1/2, 1 and 2 p, 3 for	01
"	" 1891, 4 p blue	02
Chili	1857, 5c red	05
"	1867, 1c red	01
"	1877, 5c lake	01
"	1878-81, 1c, 2c, 5c, 3 for	01
"	1883-86, 5c and 10c, 2 for	01
"	1894, 1c and 2c, 2 for	01
Columbian Republic	1883, 5c blue	01
" "	" 1885, 5c blue	01
i "	" 1892, 1c orange	01
"	" 1895, 5c red-brown	03
i Costa Rica	1863, 1/2c blue	01
" "	1889, 5c orange	01
i "	" 1889, 10c red brown	01
i "	" 1889, 20c green	02
i "	" 1889, 50c rose	05
i "	" 1889, 1 p blue	10
"	" 1892, 5c purple	01
i "	" 1889, official, 1c brown	01
i "	" 1889, " 2c green	02
i "	" 1889, " 5c orange	02
i "	" 1889, " 10c red-brown	05
i "	" 1889, " 20c green	05
i "	" 1889, " 50c rose	10
i Cuba	1871, 50c green	02
i "	1874, 50c purple	02
i "	1875, 50c green	02
i "	1888, newspaper, 1/2m	01
i "	1888, " 1m	01
i "	1888, " 2m	02
i "	1888, " 3m	02
i "	1890, " 1/2m	01
i "	1890, " 1m	01
i "	1890, " 2m	01
i "	1890, " 3m	02
i Curacao	1889, 1c gray	01
Dominion Republic	1885, 1c green	02
" "	" 1885, 2c red	02
" "	" 1895, 1c green	02
" "	" 1895, 2c red	02
i Ecuador	1872, 1 p rose	04
i "	1881, 1c brown	01
i "	1881, 2c lake	01
"	1881, 5c blue	01
i "	1881, 10c orange	01
i "	1881, 20c slate	01
i "	1881, 50c green	02
"	1887, 1c green	01
i "	1887, 2c rose	01
"	1887, 5c blue	01
"	1887, 80c gray	12

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CHILI.

Below is an outline of the several printings of the first issue:

1853 PERKINS, BACON & CO. PRINT.

Blued Paper.

5c red-brown, wmk. vertical and slanting 5.

White Paper.

5c red-brown, wmk. vertical and slanting 5.

10c dark blue, wmk. small 10.

I have mentioned the vertical and slanting 5 according to their appearance as they are listed in the 58th, although it is probable that there was but one set of dies for the printing. The 10 centavos may exist on the chemically blued paper. Other blue stamps of the same print, printed about the same time, are found with the paper blued. Most of the 10 centavos that pass as blued paper are either blue from the thinness of the paper or a surplus of ink.

1854 SANTIAGO PRINT.

5c brown-red wmk. slanting 5.

10c blue, wmk. small 10.

As was said last month, all of the 5 watermarks of this printing are slanting, indicating that a new set of dies was used. The paper is thicker and the workmanship very much poorer than the preceding. The 58th lists this 10 centavos watermarked 20, but it does not seem that such an error could happen, because the 20 centavos was not issued until 1862. The local work being so poor the next printing was done in London.

1854 PERKINS, BACON & CO. PRINT.

5c red-brown, wmk. slanting 5.

10c blue, wmk. large 10.

1857 SANTIAGO PRINT

5c red, wmk. slanting 5.

The 58th lists this type on ribbed and unwatermarked paper. The work was fairly good.

1862 PERKINS, BACON & CO. PRINT.

1c yellow.

20c green.

There seems to have been but one set of dies for the 1 and 20 centavos. These vary greatly in shape and size. This printing was done in London because the plates for the new values could not be made in Chili.

1862 SANTIAGO PRINT.

5c red, wmk. large 5.

The 10 and 20 centavos are mentioned perforated. It was probably done unofficially.

There are many shades of all values in each printing. The paper also varies, but is generally thinner in the later issues. The 10 and 20 centavos were often split and used as 5 and 10 centavos respectively. The pen marked specimens were used as revenues. Several off colors have been mentioned, among which are the 5 centavos black and 20 centavos blue. These may be accidental changes or proofs.

1867.

The second issue of Chili was printed by the National Bank Note Company of New York. With the change of printers, the watermarked lines, blued paper and dull look of Perkins, Bacon & Co.'s stamps are superseded by the imprint, crowfoot and bright appearance of the stamps of the National Company. The 2, 10 and 20 centavos appeared in 1867, the 1 and 5 centavos in 1868. The stamps are engraved, on white wove paper, perforated 12. The imprint, in Spanish, is 2 mm. from the stamps. The first dated cancellations are found on this issue. The pen marked copies were used as revenues.

1877.

The third issue, with the word "centavos" across the numerals of value, is engraved, on white wove paper, rouletted. The 5 centavos appeared in December, 1877, the other values in January, 1878. The National Bank Note Company merged into the American Bank Note Company in 1879. This issue bears the American imprint in English. I have not been able to find any National imprints. The Catalog for Advanced Collectors mentions half of the 10 centavos used as 5 centavos.

1878.

The type with the word "centavos below the numeral" has the same imprint, paper, separation and impression. The dates of issue are as follows:

50c violet, Jan., 1878.
2c carmine, Feb., 1881.
5c lake, Feb., 1881.
1c green, Oct., 1881.
5c blue, 1883.
10c orange, 1885.
20c gray, 1886.
50c purple, 1888.
15c slate green, 1892.
25c red-brown, 1892.
1 p. brown and black, 1892.
1c green, re-engraved, 1894.
2c carmine, re-engraved, 1894.

The re-engraved stamps can be distinguished by the absence of the ornaments at the end of the numerals. The numerals are also shorter and wider. They are printed in a slightly darker but brighter shade.

War Stamps.

During the war with Peru in 1880, the 1, 2 and 5 centavos revenues were used for postage. They are perforate 12 and engraved on white wove paper by the American Bank Note Company.

During the revolution of 1891 the 1, 2, 5, 10 and 20 centavos and 1 peso revenues and the 2, 5 and 10 centavos and 1 peso telegraph were used for postage. The 1 peso telegraph is given upon the authority of the list of the official collection of Chilian stamps in the National Library at Valparaiso, published in the *International Philatelist*. The list mentions the fact that only the 10 centavos was used throughout the republic, the balance being used in the northern provinces only. The telegraphs have the same impression, separation and paper as the revenues already described. The imprints are in English. It will be noticed that the 1, 2 and 5 centavos used during the Peruvian war and the same values used during the revolution can only be distinguished by the dates of the postmarks. The fiscal cancellations are circular with a star in the center, in

ed and blue rubber stamp ink.

DUE STAMPS.

A provisional set of 2, 4, 9, 10, 16, 20 and 40 centavos was issued in 894 for use in Valparaiso. They ere printed in black on yellow aper.

A permanent issue followed in 895. They were printed in red on ellow and straw paper.

The 1 peso has lately been surharged "100 centavos" to distinuish it from the 1 centavo.

The values are all printed from ne plate, arranged as follows:

1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	40	40	40	40	40
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
4	4	4	4	1	4	4	4	4	4
6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	1p	4p

ENVELOPE STAMPS.

Chilian envelopes are completely described in volume VI. number 11 of the *American Philatelist*.

FRED B. WOOLSTON.

THE STAMPS OF MEXICO.

BY L. G. DORPAT.

Fashion, which takes hold of tamps as well as most all things, requently seems to be without any easonable ground; hence we hear he saying: Fashion is foolish, fads are follies. This saying is only in part true. By closer investigation t will be found that all fashions, all ads, and even all follies, have some easonable cause. There is always ome underlying principle which is quite reasonable, but the application of which is not always readily apparent and sometimes much overdone. The great favor shown to British Colonial stamps is no doubt due to the great rarity of some of them, besides the patriotism and machination of British collectors and dealers; but nothing has helped these stamps more into favor than their beauty, for which stamp collectors have a quick eye. Beauty is probably the principal reason why modern speculative issues hold their own in spite of all endeavors to bring them into general discredit. On the other hand, stamps which lack beauty can hardly be raised to general favor though the greatest efforts be made. Such are most of the stamps manufactured in Spanish speaking countries. The stamps of Spain may appeal to the philatelic student, and he may find them as interesting as the stamps of Mauritius and New Zealand, but the average collector will slight them, because they have no *beauty* to appeal to his favor. The same will be found true in regard to stamps of the Spanish colonies and the South American republics. These latter are just now somewhat in prominence, but the hope for their general acceptance to favor lies in the strong sprinkling they contain of stamps manufactured in the United States, and the beauty of these in contrast with the homeliness of the rest. Similarly it is with the stamps of Mexico. The excessive homeliness of so great a number of them seems to offend the sense for beauty. Even the very first issue, the design of which is very fair, shows such very poor execution that the inexperi-

ticed will be tempted to ask: Are they genuine? The same may be said of the third issue, that of 1864, design of the Mexican eagle. This design, if properly executed, would make a beautiful stamp, but alas! see what poor, blurred blotches were made of it. The portrait issue of 1864 is non-objectionable in regard to beauty, but this issue was made in New York and used for a very short time only. The Maximilian issues of 1866, though not pretty, are better than the first and third. Then comes a long list of provisionals and surcharges, with very little to gratify the æsthetic. In the issue of 1868 we could find the non plus ultra of homeliness if not a few of the native Indian productions excelled in those questionable prerogatives. The issue of 1872 is but little better, only not but wise that the contract for manufacturing stamps was again given to the people of New York. From 1882 on, Mexico made its own stamps again, and though there has been great improvement over former attempts, no first class work has been done up to date. Besides the regular issues the Porte de Mar stamps, the use of which has been much doubtful augment rather than diminish the want of beauty when we take Mexican stamps as a whole. It is not surprising therefore that very few collectors will take much interest in Mexican stamps, and that some even feel an aversion against them. For this there may be other causes, but the principal one is lack of beauty, and that will affect the student as well as the amateur. Yet there is something in Mexican stamps that must appeal to all. It is the portraiture of the country's history. Mexico was a colony of Spain the same as Cuba is now; after a long struggle it became free but suffered under continual revolutions for a period of fifty years, which sufficiently accounts for the lack of art and fine taste as portrayed in the first issues of postage stamps. When the first issue was made the country had not yet fully settled to peace, but the feeling for liberty was strong among the people, hence the portrait of Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, the liberator of 1810, was chosen for the central design of the first stamp. Hidalgo was a priest, though, and the desire for religious liberty beside political liberty soon suppressed Hidalgo's portrait and set the eagle, the national emblem, in its place. Then comes the short and sadly ended imperial reign of Maximilian, and after that general disorder, until with a return to order Hidalgo's portrait again appears on the stamps, but in what miserable form! With the improvement of order the stamps improve too. The Mexican people begin to learn from their northern neighbors. From 1879 to 1884 we find beside Hidalgo's likeness that of Carlos Benito Juarez on the country's stamps. Juarez was of Indian descent, the champion of religious liberty, of educational and financial reform, the successful defender of his country against the French invasion, the greatest man Mexico ever had. The appearance of his likeness on the stamps indicates prosperity. In 1882 three stamps were issued, which are a copy of the U. S. due stamps, the adoption of which shows the spreading of North American influence. Yet the country

under clerical influence; Hidalgo's effigy again occupies the stamps of 1884, and Juarez disappears. Finally in 1886 the large numeral issue makes its appearance and indicates that the country is more and more turning to commerce and industry, leaving political and religious questions to the peaceful decision of the individual. The present issue serves as a resume of the postal development and seems to mark a new era, an era of culture, study, art and science. For the philatelic student the stamps of Mexico afford a large field for research Some very good work has been done. For American collectors C. H. Mekeel's work in the Philatelic Journal of America, 1896, is probably the most accessible. For those who read German E. Heitmann's "Grosses Handbuch der Philatelie" part 25-33, will prove excellent. But there is yet many a point unsettled and enough work to do for those who are willing and able to do it. The specialist too will find the stamps of Mexico rich in varieties of color, shade, paper, perforation and water marks, surcharges and curios. For the collectors of the U. S. the stamps of our nearest southern neighbor should have some special interest. Until now Mexico is free from speculative issues. Counterfeits and reprints have been sufficiently described to enable every careful collector to avoid them. Remainders seem to be well in the market, so that a depreciation in value is hardly to be expected from that source. All these stamps want is beauty, but the time may come when the favor of collectors will turn to the homely to make it beautiful.

PICKINGS.

Jubilee stamps seem to be the order of the day. New Zealand will issue 60,000 stamps of the ½d., 1d., 2d. and 2½d. The prices at which they are to be sold are very cheap (?) The ½d. at 6d. each, and on up to 2s. 6d. for the 2½d. The proceeds are to be donated to the postoffice and library.

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The Turkish government is trying to get rid of the foreign postoffices in Constantinople. These offices were established by the various governments to insure safety to their own mails, the same as the U. S. offices in China.

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It is reported that $50,000.00 worth of unused stamps were recently stolen from the general postoffice at Athens, Greece.

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The new issue from Barbados to conform to the U. P. U. regulations have appeared. They are very similar to the old design except in size. The new issue measures 28x33 mm. perforated 14½.

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The Inland Revenue authorities of England have decided that stamp dealers and publishers may use cuts of English stamps so long as they are not printed in colors nor used for advertising. Is it not possible that the United States authorities might be persuaded to grant the same favors?

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A London firm has a 5c Venezuela stamp printed on both sides for which they ask the modest sum of $5,100.00. They call it the "King of Stamps." It certainly must be a king of something when such a price is asked for a printer's error

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Nothing has been said about changing the stamped envelopes. It is rumored that advantage will be taken of these necessary changes to introduce an entire new set of designs. The exposition stamps will probably be issued in June. The Bureau's stamp contract expires June 30. If other arrangements for printing are made, we can expect the stamps to show the change. Like changes gave us the secret marks of the 1870 issue and the triangles of 1894.

We have good chances for short lived varieties, if a new set should appear after the present color changes of the current type, if a change in printers should occur after a new set had been issued, or if the Exposition stamps should be printed by two printers.

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OMAHA STAMPS.

Our own Nebraska stamps are by far the leading topic of the month. They are criticised as speculative and defended as being good advertisers of collecting. There can be no doubt that they are not necessary, and on the other hand, that they will start many new collectors. It seems that they will be issued in spite of the protests. In either event we think philately will be a gainer. A letter in *Mekeel's Weekly* signed Nebraskan puts the matter in still a new light. We quote part. He is speaking of the protestors:

"It seems to me that had this exposition been held in Boston, New York, Philadelphia or Chicago, nothing would have been heard from these gentlemen. There are no excessively high values like the Columbias or Canada Jubilees and hope there will be no inverted centers.

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ıe banks of the Missouri and see hat we can do in the way of a hilatelic display."

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Baron Harden-Hickey of the 'rincipality of Trinidad committed uicide in El Paso, Tex., the other ay. Last month we noticed the ıisfortune of the Clipperton Island o. Lewis Bishop will turn up in rouble next.

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We have had occasion to use all inds of indexes for all kinds of ubjects, and have concluded that he card index is the best. It is ery much the handiest and is lways full yet there is no limit to he amount of matter it will hold. omplete re-arrangements can asily be made. E. B. Jones has dopted the idea of indexing philaelic literature in a very satisfactory ıanner.

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There are not many books or ırticles dealing in a complete way vith any set of stamps or stamp. A ery large amount of information ıas been published, but how is one going to find it? We can not have ıll the back numbers of stamp ɔapers. What we need is a general ndex of the scientific contents of he back numbers. Such an index vould not be hard to make provided ɔne had the papers.

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We find it very handy to follow his idea on a small scale by noting ɔn the margin of our Standard 'atalog any articles of particular nterest. These notes are of course ɔlaced near the mention of the stamp in the catalog.

There has not been much out of the ordinary for the plate number collector during the last year. Everything has been nearly uniform. The monotony will now be broken by the change of colors and two new sets of numbers, with possibly some plates used by different printers. Plate number collection has one feature that other specialties do not—there are always new issues.

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Mr. Payne elsewhere in this issne speaks of the annoyance caused to ones references by being called upon to answer inquiries. We think it would be a good thing for some one to establish a reference bureau. We could submit references to the bureau who would investigate them and if found satisfactory they could give us permission to use them as a reference and answer letters of inquiry. Of course they would be entitled to a fee.

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Several items have lately appeared in regard to what would happen to postmasters who sell newspaper stamps. The fact is, if they do not mention the matter the department will not detect the sales. The regular newspaper reports only state the number of stamps sent in with the accompanying stubs and not the number remaining on hand in the office, so it would be impossible to discover any sales in this manner. Third class offices report the gross amount of newspaper stamps on hand each month, but nothing could be learned from this unless the figures were compared with the newspaper report, which they never

are. Fourth class offices do not even report the gross amount of newspaper stamps on hand, but it is figured in with the ordinary stamps. Of course all offices keep a detailed statement of all kinds of stamps on hand at the end of each month, but no shortage could be detected from this unless comparison were made with the amount actually used for newspaper postage, of which no record is kept.

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It frequently happens that exceedingly minute die differences are described. Many of these are simply the presence or absence of slight lines caused by poor inking or a worn plate. We do not think it is worth while describing such varieties in the stamp papers. We take as much interest as anybody in trying to determine the cause of such things, but we think it absolutely useless to chronicle them. Descriptions of a few isolated cases are of no value. It must be remembered that no two things are exactly alike. Mention of slight retouchings that do not affect the appearance of the stamp might also be profitably excluded, unless one publishes a complete record of such changes, because they can only be studied from the stamps themselves. We are alive to the value of engravers' marks in studying the history of stamps, but the genuineness of such can usually be easily proven. They are intended to be readily distinguished from worn plates and the effects of poor inking.

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THE INTELLIGENT COLLECTING OF STAMPS.

Much can be said about the ways of collecting stamps, both pro and con. 1st, at the present day it is almost impossible to collect in a general way and expect to get either a used or unused complete series of a country. Years ago it was not a difficult matter, and then the price was so low that a glance over an old catalogue of twenty years ago is somewhat amusing. Now we have to face surcharges, Seebecks, annual issues, varieties of watermark, the same of paper, and other things that make it so much more difficult. I suppose that a millionaire could not get anything like a complete collection. What then can we do? My idea is to make certain countries specialties, and as far as possible complete those. Of course a stamp album is not permanent enough, and cards are far preferable (if with sunken mounts all the better). These at any time can also be easily shown in public under glass or in glass cases and need not be handled. By specializing, a collector can take up one or two countries and increase according to the size of his pocket book. If one is ambitious to have all countries represented, then get one single good representative stamp from each country and mount them alphabetically and geographically on cards, and this is not difficult. I collect United States unused in all its departments, and used revenues; and in the case of foreign countries content myself, as I have above stated, with one only stamp, and that unused, and a fine collection it makes, too; one only of every postal card mounted on card in frame and under glass, fifteen to a frame. I

except U. S. only and these I have mused complete. Except for postal cards I find cards 9x11 the most convenient, and I mark spaces to fit the stamps, cut out same, and mount on the second card. This gives me the desired depression to mount the stamps in and saves any rubbing that might occur from cards being placed one above the other.

Now as to buying stamps, my experience shows me there are as many dishonest dealers as buyers, and nowadays one hardly likes to send money for stamps except to a very well known firm. This uncertainty has injured the stamp business, and is one cause of the present slump. The loss of a great part of the boy collector trade is another, and too many in the business another. Cheap, trashy packets are bad too, and too liberally offered; and many throw up a really good and fascinating pursuit because of one or more of these things mentioned. If stamps were to be seen in one's own town, they would sell better and every town containing collections should keep supplies. This could be done by large firms appointing agents who should be perfectly recommended, and the stocks supplied them changed and new issues sent them at stated periods. This would in a great measure do away with the tiresome correference business. One's friends get tired of being constantly called upon for letters of recommendation, and then where's the dealer's recommendation, if you send money with order? Exchanges are not either a perfect success. Dealers sell as cheap and you run no risk, get returns more promptly, and your stamps are not injured by being sent around the circuits. If you are a good customer a dealer will exchange your duplicates too, at least I find it so. I say all this not with a desire to find fault but as an honest lover of our beautiful study, to me a most fascinating one, and as a collector for thirty-five years. I speak as I think. I am sorry to find so much anxiety to get the better of fellow collectors and so little real brotherly help, and hope to see less anxiety for office and to rule instead of an honest desire to work for the common good. A change must come or philately will not be what it has been, and I believe my remarks will be endorsed by a great many readers. I would like to talk more of boy collectors, and will at some future period if our friends the editors will give me room for a future paper, but do not wish to occupy too much space in one letter. R. L. PAYNE.

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Numbers Used in this List are National Philatelic Society's.

No.	Die.	Denom. and Paper	Size.	New.	Used.
		First Series 1853 60.			
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] rose on white	1	$....	$ 40
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] rose on white	3	...	20
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] rose on buff	3	....	15
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] rose on white	3	...	1 00
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] rose on buff	3	....	60
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] on white	3	....	12 00
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] on buff	3	....	1 50
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] on white	1	....	7 50
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] on white	3	.	7 00
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] on white	1	40	15
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] on white	3	....	05
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] on white	3		1 25
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] on buff	3		03
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] on buff	3	..	75
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] on buff	3	...	75
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] on buff	3	..	2 25
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] on white	7	1 75	....
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] on white	2	18 00	4 00
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] on buff	3	6 00	1 50
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] on buff	5	1 00	1 50
		Second Series 1860-61.			
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] red on white	1	1 25	---
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] on white	1	1 00	--
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] on white	2	1 00	50
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] on white	3	1 00	----
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] on buff	2	1 00	--
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] on buff	3	--	50
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] on buff	3	60	15
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] on buff	3	85	----
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] on buff	3	5 00	----
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] and red on white	3	10 00	----
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] and red on buff	2	12 00	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] and red on buff	3	10 00	
		Third Series 1861-64.			
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] rose on white	1	50	25
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] rose on white	2	.	25
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] rose on white	3	.	20
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] rose on buff	2	.	25
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] rose on buff	3		15
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] on buff	3	3 00	----
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] on white	7	5 00	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] on buff	7	2 00	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] on white	3	75	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] on white	3	75	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] on buff	3	75	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] on amb.	7	5 00	
		Fourth Series 1864-70.			
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] black on buff	5	75	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] black on amber	3	30	15
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] black on orange	3	25	. .
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] black on buff	5	20	.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] black on buff	3	25	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] black on orange	3	25	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] rose on white	1	10	15
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] rose on white	3	50	05
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] rose on white	3	40	20
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] rose on buff	3	.	05
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] rose on buff	3	.	10

No.	Die.	Denom. and Paper	Size.	New.	Used.
137	26	3c, rose on buff, 2d qual.	3	$ 50	$...
138	27	3c, rose on amber	3	...	10
139	26	3c, rose on amber	3	25	10
142	27	6c, rose on white	7	60	..
143	27	6c, rose on buff	7	40	..
144	27	6c, rose on amber	7	50	
146	26	3c, brown on buff	7	1 00	.
148	27	6c, purple on white	3	75	..
149	27	6c, purple on buff	3	75	...
158	30	18c, red on buff	8	2 50	
		Fifth Series 1857 Reay Issue.			
164	34	1c, blue on white	2	50	30
168	34	1c, blue on amber	2	1 00	1 00
172	34	1c, blue on orange	4	40	
176	35	2c, brown on white	2	35	25
180	35	2c, brown on amber	2	50	40
183	35	2c, brown on orange	4	20	.
185	35	2c, brown on orange	6	20	
187	36	3c, green on white	1	...	15
192	36	3c, green on white	2	..	15
191	35	3c, green on white	3	..	2 00
202	36	3c, green on white	5	35	10
209	36	3c, green on amber	2	..	20
211	36	3c, green on amber	3	...	2 00
212	36	3c, green on amber	3	35	..
216	3	3c, green on amber	3	...	10
218	36	3c, green on amber	5	.	15
227	36	3c, green on amb., 3d qual.	5	60	.
233	36	3c, green on cream	3	60	..
238	36	3c, green on cream, spec.	5	1 00	..
241	36	3c, green on cream	7	30	.
243	37	6c, red on white	3	60	----
245	37	6c, red on white	3	60	...
251	37	6c, red on amber	3	70	.
258	37	6c, red on amb., 3d qual	3	60	....
259	37	6c, red on amb., 3d qual	5	1 50	....
299	44	7c, verm. on amb. 3d qual.	3	1 00	.
300	44	7c, verm. on amb., 3d qual.	3	1 00	.
		Sixth Series 1874 Plimpton Issue.			
305	45	1c, dark blue on orange	4	75	----
310	45	1c, blue on orange	4	75	.
318	47	3c, green on white	2	.	50
319	47	3c, green on white	3	75	15
323	47	3c, green on amber	2	1 25	
350	49	1c, light blue on orange	4	15	
352	50	2c, brown on white	2	2 00	
352a	50	2c, brown on white, B2	2	5 00	
253	50	2c, brown on amber	2	1 00	..
364	51	3c, green on amber	2	15	.
381	51	3c, green on cream	7	25	...
386	51	3c, green on blue, spec.	4½	50	...
392	52	6c, red on white	7	25	--
393	52	6c, red on white	8	10	15
432	57	30c, black on amber	8	4 00	..
478	61	90c, carmine on amber	8	6 00	..
146	58	2c, vermilion on amber	2	1 00	---
148	58	2c, vermilion on fawn	4½	25	.
155	60	5c, blue on white	3	40	..
457	60	5c, blue on amber	3	40	.
159	60	5c, blue on blue	3	75	..
461	60	5c, blue on white	4½	50	..

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THREE CENTS OF 1861 UNPERFORATED.

The late Mr. Tiffany in his history" says of this stamp on ge 134: "Unperforated specimens ve been catalogued." From this seems that Mr. Tiffany had no eat faith in these unperforated amps, having nothing to say about em except that they "have been talogued." His investigations ncerning them must have been ithout any definite result. Scott's talogue does not mention them at l, which seems to indicate that the ott Company regards them as n-legitimate. They are rarely met th. One copy which I have seen the original envelope, addressed Mr. Christian Oberholzer, Clarce Centre, Erie Co., N Y., is of a nkish rose color and shows traces f perforation at one side. The istory of the letter and its whole ondition exclude all thought of raudulent trimming, and the only lausible explanation seems to be hat the writer of the letter by the se of imperforated stamps had cquired the habit of cutting his tamps from the sheet with scissors nd kept on doing so with perforated tamps, unintentionally trimming his copy by doing so. Another opy, on part of original letter, now n my possession, also of a pinkish ose color, shows traces of perfora ion too, though the margins are good on two sides and fraudulent manipulation is quite improbable on account of the raggedness of the edges. This would strengthen the above supposition. A third copy I have seen in the collection of Rev. W. Matthes of Milwaukee. It is from the same source as the above two; it is a decided pink; it is on a war envelope addressed to Dr. B. S. Myers, Clarence Centre, Erie Co. N. Y., has wide margins all around and no trace of a perforation. Considered *alone* this would go as a *a beautiful used copy of the U. S. 3c pink, imperforate on the original envelope*, a thing certainly worth having. Considered in connection with the other two copies mentioned above, it becomes somewhat doubtful and wants the co-operation of an imperforate pair. Such I could not find up to date. Nevertheless my theory is this. The pink shade was the first shade of this stamp issued in 1861 the manufacture was hurried because of the former issue having been declared void on account of the war some sheets got out imperforated or but partly perforated and had to be cut by shears or torn off over a sharp edge these stamps are as legitimate as the "grilled all over," and are about of the same value. I admit, though, that this theory lacks undisputable proof, and my object, in submitting it, is to induce others to come forward with any facts in

their possession for or against it. The dates on all three copies described are illegible; more than these three copies I have not seen; perforated pinkish-rose copies bear dates in 1863 and are all of Scott's September die; so is the unperforated copy in my possession; the other two I did not examine as to die.

L. G. DORPAT.

PLATE NUMBERS.

It seems to me that the present time would be very appropriate to say a few words about plate numbers. One reason being that we are on the eve of two new issues, viz: The Trans-Mississippi issue and the change in colors in our present current issue. The one cent denomination of the latter has already made its appearance, the plate numbers of which are 493 to 496, 526 to 529, and 534 to 537, all in green. While the above numbers are already in circulation (and they are the highest numbers that are out) it will yet be many months before all the offices will be supplied with them. I would say to anyone who has had in contemplation the collection of this very interesting branch of philately, that now will be a good time to begin, as beginners now would be sure to be able to get a complete collection of the Exposition stamps and plate numbers. Number 500 or 501 would be a good place to start on the current issue, as the present way of numbering may run on for a long time yet.

It will be noticed by the above numbers that the Bureau has improved somewhat in its method of numbering, all plates now being numbered by fours consecutively, whereas formerly there would frequently be one number of a certain denomination and then perhaps a large quantity of numbers of another denomination following, and then back to the former one, etc. There are many interesting items that could be written in this connection, and even now there is a great difference in the coloring of the two cent. Some plates show a very pale pink while perhaps the very next one will be a dark carmine. It would add very much to the interest of our philatelic publications if this class of collectors would let it be known and published when they come across anything unusual, so please do not be backward and let us hear from you, as you may be assured that someone will get good from what you have to say. E. J. SCOTT.

BOILED DOWN.

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE.

The Spain 1866 20 centavos lilac, type of 1864, was issued in place of the 1864 type because the latter was counterfeited.

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Russia and Greece will issue entire new sets. The official stamps of Jamaica have been withdrawn.

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Four tons of strawboard are used each month for boxes for postal cards.

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The most northern postoffice in the world is Norwegian on the island of Spitzbergen. It is only intended for summer excursionists.

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The Ceylon 1s. 9d. green 1861 was

ver used for postage.

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Our esteemed correspondents, illiams & Co., Lima, Peru, write as llows: "The 20 cent unpaid stamps the 1874 type are now in use (Nov. t) surcharged 'Deficit' as on the 5 d 10 cent issue in August. The 1 nt unpaid 1879 type is also being epared with this surcharge. Less an 30,000 of the 1 cent unpaid 1879 pe surcharged 'Franqueo' were aced on sale Nov. 6th for ordinary se during that month, supply of e 1 cent 1896 issue being exhausted. e have been favored with a view of e beautiful new 1, 2 and 5 cent hich will be placed on sale from e 1st of December. On official uthority we learn that there are not tended as a commemorative sue."—*Filatelic Facts and Fallacies.*

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The Chinese public have objected stamps made in Japan. Hereafter ey will be engraved and printed in ondon.

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Commemorative and speculative ssues will be excluded from the ails by the Universal Postal nion after January 1, 1899.

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The new cards are out. The rdinary one cent card has been educed in size, being $3\frac{1}{4}$ by $5\frac{1}{2}$ nches. This size can be put in nvelopes, which was not possible ith the old cards. Cutting the old nes down to fit made them subject letter postage. A small card corresponding to the old ladies card as also been issued. The domestic reply cards and the international single and reply cards are also smaller, but the design remains the same.

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A common-sense catalog is discussed by Chas. E. Jenney in the *American Collector*. He thinks that the price question could be solved by listing stamps at a fair selling price and the publishers offering to buy at 50 per cent. off the list price. If this rule were strictly adhered to the true value would soon be apparent, and the list should be changed accordingly. In fact it would furnish a means for prices to adjust themselves.

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The Postoffice Department does not at present redeem any adhesive stamps.

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From *Mekeel's Weekly* we learn that reprints of U. S. envelopes are on vertical laid paper while the original were on diagonally laid. The lines on wrappers are horizontal.

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Our government has not made many changes in design that were unnecessary. The issue of 1851-61 was an improvement in the way of new values which were needed. The grill and perforation were also improvements. A change in design was unavoidable in 1861 to prevent the stock in the hands of southern postmasters from being wrongfully used. There seems to have been no particular object in the 1869 set. The series of 1870 took the place of the 1869 issue because the latter were unpopular. The 1880 issue secured uniformity in design. The Columbians were not necessary. The different engravers' marks and all changes of color have been necessary.

NEBRASKA'S PRIDE.

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S. W. HACKER.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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☞NOTICE, if marked, your dues to N. P. S., 25c, are wanted, and should be paid at once if you wish to retain membership and receive official organ. Do not delay, as this is the last notice.

Our counterfeit detector wishes to hear from any who can fill out France, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Austria for N. P. S. exhibit. Party can write him direct for further particulars.

If a Nebraska collector or amateur photographer, fill out application and send to secretary with 35c (10c fee and 25c dues). You receive magazine and use of all departments.

Name.....Address.....
Occupation.....Age.....
Reference.....

EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

The trustees have authorized me report in this department that er careful investigation of arges against I. S. Betzer of David ty, Neb., N. P. S. No. 153, they have pelled him from the society.

Number of books received to date 3, valued at $968.69. There is a od demand for U. S. and Canadian venues and if priced reasonable ll find a ready sale.

I must again ask the members nding in books not to hinge tires in with stamps. The demand r good stamps is still rather risk," but trash and rubbish have place in the department. Stamps t. at from 27c to $1.00 are most in mand. Members owing this partment are notified to make mediate settlement.

S. P. HUGHES.

PICKINGS.

The 12d. Canada was worth $4.00 in 61, today it can not be bought at 0 times this price. Even then it as considered a scarce stamp, and as in use such a short time that w knew of its existence until the d. of a later date came out.

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The Pomeroy local stamps were ncelled with a red ink very milar to that occasionally found n early issues U. S. adhesives. ook out for those cancelled in any her way, as they are likely to be rgeries. The small Blood's locals the 1849 issue were cancelled with drop of some acid that changed e color of the stamp. The issue of 58 may be cancelled with a small nd stamp very similar to that und on early issues of France.

A queer stamp has come to light in Texas. A drug firm there ran the postoffice during the war, and when hostilities were declared in 1861 were out of stamps. A happy thought struck them, and they brought their drug labels into use in place of stamps. The labels were placed on the envelope and cancelled in the regular way. They were used about a year, or until a supply of the regular Confederate stamps were sent them. Each label represented postage to the value of 5 cents.

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The Postmaster General of Canada seems to have gone beyond his authority in reducing the colonial letter rate to 3 cents. Owing to the fact that all countries interested must first give their consent, the Canadian government is obliged to furnish the extra 2 cents required on each letter. The postoffice department at Ottawa has authorized all postmasters to add an extra 2 cent stamp to letters found mailed under this ruling.

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An agricultural implement firm doing business in Omaha has issued a private postal card very similar to the government issue now in use. The card is prepared by a 1 cent adhesive, and but for this would be taken for the regular government issue. The printing at top is the same, and in the same kind of type, as on the Jefferson cards.

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The second postoffice department circular has just been issued the Imperial Chinese Post. It takes up the matter registration, liabilities of the department and postal rates.

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STAMP LITERATURE.

There are but few stamp issues that have been exhaustively written about. There has been a great deal said in philatelic papers, but the greater part of the information published is in the form of notes. For this reason it is almost impossible to secure all that has been written about most stamps. One has to collect information about the stamps of most countries in the same manner that the stamps themselves are collected, and it is also as hard to obtain. In any other study it is easy to secure in the form of books almost everything that anybody else knows on the subject. With us it is impossible to get much of the published information of the stamps of most countries, for the reason that it is so scattered.

There are two ways to overcome this difficulty: either have a complete index to all papers or have the valuable parts of the notes and short articles published under one head. This latter way is the manner in which all scientific articles are prepared. To the information obtained from various papers is added of course what the writer has himself observed.

At present it is almost impossible to obtain for publication an article dealing in a complete way with the stamps of any country. Most collectors who are well posted on particular countries have already written what they know. To write an article on a country that you are not familiar with requires about a year's looking up information and study.

If a number of collectors would work together along this line it would be possible to accomplish a great deal. Each could write on the stamps he is interested in, the others helping him with any facts they know and any articles they have. This would certainly be a pleasure to anyone who likes to study stamps. One could also feel that his work was amounting to something.

We would like to see such a scheme tried, and want to hear from anyone who will help.

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THE STAMP EXHIBIT.

The Nebraska Philatelic Society has undertaken to have an exhibit of stamps at the Omaha Exposition. The benefits to dealers and stamp collectors cannot be over estimated. It makes no difference whether you belong to the Nebraska Society or not, an increase in the number of collectors will help you. And an exhibit is the best way to bring

stamp collecting before grown up persons. A dozen people here in Nebraska can not make this exhibit as good as it should be. We must have more help. We want yours, in the way of funds, advertising, and stamps for exhibition. It is necessary to have money to buy the medals. Sufficient space has already been secured. The idea is to have classes about as follows:

U. S. Postage.
U. S. Departments.
U. S. Envelopes.
U. S. Revenues.
50 rarest stamps.
Miscellaneous.

It has been found that the stamps offered for exhibition up to this time can be best entered in this manner. There will be no risk to your stamps. They should be mounted on regular album pages. The society will be able to supply them shortly. The stamps should be sent to Omaha by express. The address to which they are to be sent will be announced later. It would be cheaper if the framing could be done in Omaha. Such arrangements will probably be made.

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We have heard that an eastern party expects to open a large stamp business in Omaha. From the present outlook we can expect interest in stamps to increase considerable in Nebraska, during the next six months.

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With the new western society and the N. P. S. meeting, the stamp exhibit and the collectors visiting the exposition, Omaha will be the principal point of interest during the summer. THE PHILATELIC WEST will be on hand. We invite your patronage.

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While speaking of the meets, let me say to you, whether you are a member of the societies or not, try to attend. You can probably fix the time of your trip to the exposition at about the same date as the conventions. The dates are now under discussion; as soon as they are decided they will be announced in these columns.

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The British board of Inland Revenue has at last decided that stamp illustrations can be used, under conditions. It has been found that the Siegler case could have been settled more satisfactorily to the A. P. A. had different methods been chosen. The next appropriation of exchange books will be collected. This leaves only the newspaper stamp case to fear.

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Greco-Turkish war surcharges are now coming to light. Both the Turks and Greeks are said to have surcharged stamps for use in the occupied territory. The object in the Greek surcharge was to prevent the use of the stamps in case they fell into the hands of the Turks. It is strange that these varieties were not discovered sooner. It would be well to learn more about them before buying.

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We request that all philatelic publications receiving this number put us on their exchange list. We desire to exchange two copies.

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Omaha stamps with the Havana

postmark are among the possibilities of the summer.

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We misquoted the *Virginia Philatelist* in our January number. We should have said: ten stamps were printed in the red surcharge and thirty-five in the double surcharge. As there were forty stamps in the sheet these printings must have been from the die and therefore can only be considered essays or proofs.

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The *American Journal of Philately* chronicles the discovery of a quite enough 10 centavos Chilian of 1878 with blued paper. There can be no doubt of it because it shows the letter head. There has always been considerable question about this stamp because it is so hard to distinguish between paper blued by chemical action or by a surplus of ink. The paper also varies greatly in thickness and thin copies sometimes show blue on the back. We did not include the stamp in our list last month, although we mentioned in its favor the fact that other blue stamps of Perkins, Bacon & Co. printed about the same time have blue paper.

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Ibid mentions a remarkable U. S. error. It is a three cent 1861 perforated the size of the 1896 issue.

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The fact that Mexican stamps were not sold to the public up to 1878 explains many of the odd things about them.

BY THE BUSINESS MANAGER.

Our friend Joe Beard did surprise us by becoming a Benedict. He carries no doubt the largest number of entire U. S. envelopes, also foreign and U. S. stamps, and it will pay you to get his price list. You can depend on what he advertises. He sent us the first green 1c stamp.

The Era & P. O. reports forgeries of the provisional 1c surcharged for 3c, type III.

P. D. Stannard, whose ad. appears in THE PHILATELIC WEST, is in the the market to buy all uncancelled postal cards, printed or written on both sides. Write him.

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Good advertising brings results, not regrets. We offer the very low rate for cash with copy of 25c an inch.

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No. 4 Joe Beard's Price List (good at cat.)

Edward's Press List, Montreal, Canada.

Souvenir Postal Cards, American Souvenir Card Co., New York.

Blue Book Merchants' Collection Agency, Lowell, Mass.

Part 1 Price Cat. Phil. Literature, E. B. Jones, Sioux City, Ia.

Bruce's Dealers' Address Book, Middletown, Conn., and printer F. S. Sanborn, Cohoes, N. Y. Well worth 10c.

Vest Pocket Cat. Canadian Revenue Stamps, neatest seen yet, for 10c, of Lewis Robie, Chicago.

Book on Exposition, W. F. Hendricks, Omaha, Chairman Exhibit Com. Write for one.

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amp & Coin Co., Monroe, Wis.; H. E wen, Norwood, S. E., Eng.; D. Stanley ibbons, London; L. Husson, 1734 Cassila, ennos Ayres, Arg. Rep.

Auction Catalogues B. L. Drew, Boston; . M. Wolseiffer, Chicago; C. L. Moreau, . W. Tuttle, and Bogart & Shurbin, New ork; J. W. VanOstrand, Badonia, N. Y.

FOR LADIES ONLY.

There's really nothing in this vetsc. Yet every reader, I'll be bound, Won't let it pass, but cautions, turn The paper slyly wrong way round. So take a hint, and advertise Before the next month rolls around.

Will start a black list of advertisers owing THE PHILATELIC WEST with next number. Mr. S. P. Hughes ends following: F. E. Moore, Moorefield, Ark.; W. R. Adams, Toronto, Canada; F. Coombs, St. Johns, N. B., Canada; J. A. Massey, Pensacola, Fla.; A. Bastonie, Antwerp, Belgium.

Sorry to hear that our friend C. O. ensen, (who advertised a year ago, iking Stamp Co., went to Norway for his health), writes that he expects to be dead when the letter reached me.

IDLE THOUGHTS.

Now that the Omaha stamps are an assured fact why not quit kicking. The issue can not be called speculative in the same term as some other issues of different countries, for these will be redeemable as postage anywhere in the U. S. I have it from high postal authority that any postmaster in U. S. can have these stamps on sale by making requisition on the postoffice department at Washington. This in my mind precludes all possibility of speculative issue.

The government is now advertising for bids for furnishing stamps and envelopes for the four years beginning July 1st. Does this make a new issue? If so, the 1c issue (green) is short lived, also the 5c blue scheduled for April 1st. Both these stamps will be good stamps to keep.

Talking about new stamps, what will be the outcome of the war scare? Congress has passed a law granting $50,000,000.00 for an emergency war fund, which is not provided for in the regular budget, as all expenses have been figured on a peace basis. Gen. Alger proposes a war tax, which supposedly will be the same as our civil war tax. Notes, drafts, bills, medicines, matches, etc., will be taxed again. This will give another boost to the already high prices of U. S. revenues and a great majority will be heard to say, "what a fool I was." I have concluded that U. S. are the best to have from every standpoint, to the exclusion of all foreign stamps if you are not able to have both.

NEBRASKA.

The words "Cartilla Postal de Espana" on Scott's number 365 Spanish official mean mail route map of Spain. In 1866 a printer named Castell published a book on the Spanish postal service something like our Postal Guide. The government allowed it free passage through the mails from Jan. 1 to June 30, 1869. This stamp was prepared by Mr. Castell to frank his book. Here we have a private stamp that is also an official. There is probably no other stamp occupying its position.

CAMERA AND STAMPS.

Why send east for your camera supplies when you can save time and money by getting of DePutrons. Send for his price list.

Nebraska Camera Club elected the following officers: President, S. P. Hughes, Howe; Vice-President, I. L. Forman, Alma; Secretary, L. Brodstone, Superior; Treasurer, B. C. Smith, Beaver City.

It has been decided by a majority of the officers to make it a branch of the Nebraska Society until the convention, when a constitution, etc., will be adopted. The secretary is getting prices from camera papers to act as organ or run department, as members wish. Members of N. P. S. have use of both societies until the convention.

The vice-president suggests that advice be given on how to prepare prints, develop, etc.

Prints to be exchanged should be of places of special interest to all. Each member to send at least one picture to be arranged for exhibit. Prizes to be offered. All are good, and expect to follow part in next number. Will be pleased to hear from others.

All amateur photographers in the state are invited to join. When writing for information enclose postage.

The professionals meet in Omaha August 16th to 19th.

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Prints not being printed dark enough need not be thrown away, but squeegee on piece of fine ground glass which has been previously well washed and polished with French chalk. Will strengthen print and gives a delicate mat surface.

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Smithsonian Institution issues following works: Photographic Photometry, Electric Spark Photographs of Flying Bullets, Photographic Image, Photography in colors of nature.

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Wish to sell or exchange for collection of stamps 7x12 job press, good as new, cost $60.00. Write for description. B. C. Smith, Beaver City, Neb.

Send for list No. 3 of philatelic papers I have to xchange for others. J. Sanborn, 83 Oneida St., ohoes, N. Y.

I collect revenue stamps of all countries (especially America. I give in exchange for these Austria, Lu il Rev. '98, and illustrated postal ards (Emperor Francis Joseph I, 1878-98), and ther stamps. A. Saif, Wien III. Hetzgasse 26, Austria.

U. S. and Chinese locals wanted on original covers. Will give first class exchange, also camera prints. S. P. Hughes, Howe, Neb.

P. D. Stannard, Renfrew St. E. E., Pittsburgh, Pa., wishes to exchange for Indian relics and Cat.

Will give good exchange in other stamps for Canadian revenues. $1,500.00 worth of duplicates to select from. References, publishers. Miss Lea Hughes, Howe, Neb.

To exchange for 25c. The Perforator one year with 30 word exchange notice free, or if you prefer both Perforator and Philatelic West for 25c a year without exchange notice. Box 1234, Hartford, Conn.

I want to hear from parties who are interested in Chilians. Fred B. Woolston, Wayne, Neb.

All medium and beginner collectors are invited to exchange stamps with me. Rev. H. Wendt, Sterling, Neb.

Sam Vestey, Freshfield, near Liverpool, Eng., will send 10 50 stamps or entires of England and Wurt for others. Reference, publisher.

B. F. Egan, 519 S. West St., Indianapolis, Ind., wishes exchange of stamps, U. S. Rev. in pairs, blocks and strips, also 10c '47, 1 peso Chile. Write.

Unmounted camera prints taken from here to Europe, stamps and entires, to exchange for others. L. Brodstone, Superior, Neb., U. S. A.

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" " 3d " on covers		1 25
1898 Newf'd 1 and 2c		05
" Canada 1 c		01
U. S. 3c Columbian.	.10	04
" 3c due '79.	50	20
" Post Office 3c o. g.	05	02
" '56 3c.	10	05
" '88 30c.	85	45
" same used..	50	25
" 30c 1861	60	30
" 1c newspaper '95.	10	04
" 10c '69	90	45
1898 Cuba, 2 va.		01
CEYLON 1c rose '84	35	15
2 Argentine Rep. Jubilee two	80	40
Cape G. H. triangle 1d	1 25	65
" " " "	85	45
" " " 4d.		25
" " " 6d	1 25	75
U. S. 30c '69 perf. 3 sides.	3 00	75
" 3c Prop. green V. B	50	25

	Cat.	My Price.
Mexico '56 1 r yellow	$ 10	$ 04
* " " 4 r red.	1 50	75
" '61 1 r green pes	.20	08
" " 2 r pink	20	08
" " 4 r yellow	1 75	90
" '64 2 r "	10	04
* " '66 13c blue	1 00	50
" '67 1 r gothic	60	30
" " 2 r "	50	25
" " 4 r "	2 50	1 25
" 1884 1c green.	.05	02
" " 2c "	05	02
" " 3c "	06	02
" " 4c "	05	02
" " 5c "	.05	02
" " 6c "	06	03
" " 10c "	02	01
" " 12c "	12	05
" " 20c "	08	03
" " 25c "	10	04
" " 50c "	15	06
" " same unused	1 00	25

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No.	Die.	Denom. and Paper	Size.	New.	Used.
466	58	2c, vermilion on white	2	$ ...	$ 10
467	58	2c, vermilion on amber	2	....	20
480	51	3c, green on white	3	...	05
483	51	3c, green on white	5	20	05
484	51	3c, green on amber	2	....	50
485	51	3c, green on amber	3	...	05
488	51	3c, green on amber	5	....	05
502	51	3c, green on cream	2	....	05
503	51	3c, green on cream	4½	...	05
521	52	6c, red on white	5	25	...
524	62	3c, green on white	3	30	20
527	62	3c, green on white	3	30	25
528	62	5c, green on white	3	75	....
529	62	6c, red on white	4½	30	....
531	62	6c, red on white	4½	40	...

Eighth Series—1878.

541	60	1c, blue on white	2	....	05
543	58	2c, vermilion on amber	2	....	25
547	58	2c, vermilion on cream	4½	...	75
549	58	2c, vermilion on fawn	4½	...	50
571	51	3c, green on white	3	....	40
575	51	3c, green on amber	3	....	25
579	51	3c, green on fawn	4½	2 00	...
580	51	3c, green on fawn	5	7 50	....
581	51	3c, green on fawn	7	2 00	...
585	51	3c, green on blue	2	1 00	....
586	51	3c, green on blue	4½	1 00	....
590	51	3c, green on blue	5	2 00	....
595	52	3c, blue on blue	3	1 00	...
597	62	3c, blue on blue	4½	1 00	...
611	52	6c, red on white	7	50	...
612	52	6c, red on white	8	1 50	....
613	52	6c, red on amber, sample	4½	2 00	....
614	52	6c, red on amber	7	1 50	....

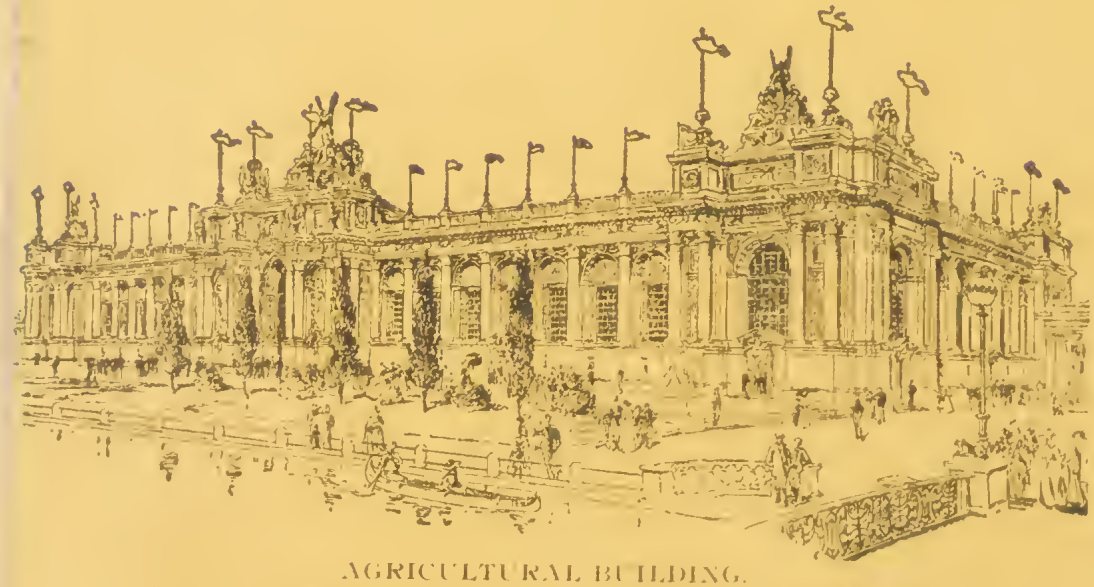
Ninth Series 1879, "Star."

621	49	1c, blue on white	2	20	15
622	49	1c, blue on amber	2	25	...
623	49	1c, blue on orange	4	15	05
624	49	1c, blue on orange	6	15	05
625	49	1c, blue on cream	4	50	20
626	49	1c, blue on cream	6	15	10
627	58	2c, vermilion on white	2	10	05
628	58	2c, vermilion on amber	2	10	05
629	58	2c, vermilion on fawn	4½	40	....
630	51	3c, green on white	1	...	10
631	51	3c, green on white	2	25	10
632	51	3c, green on white	3	10	05
633	51	3c, green on white	4½	10	05
634	52	3c, green on white	5	05	03
635	51	3c, green on amber	2	25	05
636	51	3c, green on amber	3	10	05
637	51	3c, green on amber	4½	10	05
638	51	3c, green on amber	5	10	05
641	51	3c, green on fawn	2	20	...
642	51	3c, green on fawn	3	25	10
643	51	3c, green on fawn	4½	25	10
646	51	3c, green on fawn	7	40	20
649	51	3c, green on blue	4½	....	10
651	60	5c, blue on white, sample	3	$2 00	$ ...
652	60	5c, blue on white	4½	40	...
656	60	5c, blue on blue	4½	25	...
657	60	5c, blue on white	3	25	...
658	60	5c, blue on white	4½	15	...
659	60	5c, blue on amber	3	40	...
660	60	5c, blue on amber	4½	10	...
662	60	5c, blue on blue	3	3 00	...
663	60	5c, blue on blue	4½	50	...
665	52	6c, red on white	4½	50	...
666	52	6c, red on white	5	30	...
667	52	6c, red on white	7	25	...
668	52	6c, red on white	8	15	...
671	52	6c, red on amber	7	50	...
676	59	10c, brown on white, spec.	7	75	...
681	57	30c, black on white, spec.	8	1 00	...
682	61	90c, carmine on white, spec	8	2 00	...
689	65	5c, brown on white	3	20	...
690	95	5c, brown on white	4½	20	...
691	65	5c, brown on amber	3	25	...
692	65	5c, brown on amber	4½	20	...

Tenth Series—1883-1886.

702	58	2c, vermilion on white	3	...	05
702	58	2c, vermilion on amber	3	1 00	...
706	58	2c, vermilion on amber	4½	50	...
707	58	2c, vermilion on amber	5	1 00	...
708	58	2c, vermilion on blue	4½	50	...
709	49	1c, blue on white	3	10	05
710	49	1c, blue on white	4½	10	05
711	49	1c, blue on white	5	10	...
712	49	1c, blue on amber	3	05	03
713	49	1c, blue on amber	4½	15	...
714	49	1c, blue on amber	5	15	...
715	49	1c, blue on fawn	4½	15	...
717	49	1c, blue on fawn	4½	25	15
718	49	1c, blue on orange	4	04	...
719	49	1c, blue on orange	6	10	05
720	49	1c, blue on cream	4	15	...
721	49	1c, blue on cream	6	15	05
722	58	2c, vermilion on white	3	25	...
723	58	2c, vermilion on white	4½	25	...
725	58	2c, vermilion on amber	3	25	...
726	58	2c, vermilion on amber	4½	25	...
727	58	2c, vermilion on amber	5	1 00	...
728	58	2c, vermilion on fawn	4½	25	...
729	58	2c, vermilion on blue	4½	1 25	...
730	51	3c, green on white	1	25	...
731	51	3c, green on white	2	25	...
732	51	3c, green on white	3	15	...
733	51	3c, green on white	4½	10	03
734	51	3c, green on white	5	10	03
735	51	3c, green on amber	2	25	...
736	51	3c, green on amber	3	20	05
737	51	3c, green on amber	4½	15	05
738	51	3c, green on amber	5	15	05
741	51	3c, green on fawn	4½	25	...
742	51	3c, green on fawn	5	40	...
743	51	3c, green on fawn	7	40	...
747	65	5c, brown on white	3	20	...
748	65	5c, brown on white	4½	10	...
749	65	5c, brown on amber	3	25	...

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DON'T BE IN A HURRY.

If I should be asked to give to ery young collector some word of vice, I don't know of any that ould be more applicable to all an the above.

In all the ordinary affairs of life it well to hasten slowly, while in atters philatelic, or at least in rming a collection of stamps, it is ell to hasten not at all.

There are two principal reasons r collecting stamps. One is the ve of possessing that which is autiful, odd, rare or curious. The ner is the thought of amassing an mm of gems, with the idea of lling at a profit speculation if n please.

In either case haste is a nonsential, and in fact is almost sure be regretted. If you belong to e class that collect simply because u love stamps, enjoy looking at em, studying and examining em, you do not want to be in a rry in gathering your treasures for just as soon asy ou commence tting stamps in your album thout first studying them thorghly and learning all you can out them, just that soon will your terest in your collection and ings philatelic begin to wane. rocure good stamps, a few at a ne. Study each until you know all u can learn about its country, hen and why it was issued, and any other points connected with it that is of any interest to you, then place it in your album, and every time you glance at that page and your eye falls on that particular stamp, you will unconsciously call to mind all that you learned in connection with it. In this way we seem when looking over the pages of our album to be looking into the faces of friends, who speak to us of things concerning other lands and other nations. Thus our collection can become a joy forever.

On the other hand, if we are collecting just for what we expect to make out of it, we must obsere the same rule, go slow. "Rome was not built in a day," neither can a person learn all there is about stamps and stamp collecting without spending considerable time at his task.

To buy stamps intelligently for the purpose of specnlation, one must know the size of the issue, the probable number that will be used, whether or not it is a legitimate issue, and also whether it is of a country that collectors are seeking to complete. Many a scarce stamp is priced at ridiculously low figures just because collectors don't happen to take an interest in the country or that particular issue of the country it represents. Examples illustrating this could be given, but any collector of any experience knows of just such cases, so it is not necessary.

In closing I would say, whatever your object in collecting, *don't be in a hurry and study your stamps*

E. B. JONES.

COUNTERFEIT P. E. ISLAND 4½d. BROWN.

The stamp in question is an excellent imitation of the original and well calculated to deceive the collector who has not the original beside him, though as will be seen from the following the points of difference are many and easy to notice.

The first thing that attracts attention is the color, which is a stone brown instead of the rich purple brown of the original. The engraving is coarse, especially the background of the oval around head, being made up of lines about 4 to the m.m., while in the original the number is more than double that, giving the appearance of a solid color. The Maltese crosses forming upper ornaments of crown are far more distinct in the forgery than in the original and consequently are smaller. The space between greater than that at right side of center one is smaller than any of the others and the space between it and the next one is about ½ m.m. instead of ⅓ m.m. in original.

The two crosses at end of crown at right side are not distinctly divided in original, while in forgery they are entirely separate.

The two rows of pearls in crown are distinctly regular in spacing in original while in forgery they are irregular in position and shape. The hair on forehead in original does not meet in center at crown, and comes to a point in forgery below the lowest row of pearls. The curl on in counterfeit is missing from left side. The dot after "D" over 4½d. in forgery is square, original is round. The letters in title in scroll are about 1¾ m.m. in original, 2 m.m. in counterfeit. The letters WA in Edward almost run together in counterfeit.

These enumerate the plainest differences to be observed, though every other detail can be outlined the same way. The chief danger about the stamp seems to be the cancellation, which is oval bar cancellation (black), 4 bars top and bottom and two bars each side.

(En F.) NEBRASKY.

BOILED DOWN.

(Original and Otherwise.)

We learn from *Filatelic Facts and Fallacies* that benzine destroys the color of the Jamaica 5 shilling.

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Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News names the following German cities that have issued locals:

Bergedorf,	Freiburg,
Berlin,	Hamberg,
Bochum,	Hanover,
Brunswick,	Heidelberg,
Charlsruhe,	Leipzig,
Chemnitz,	Lnbeck,
Cologne,	Mayence,
Crefeld,	Metz,
Dresden,	Spolda,
Elberfeld,	Strasburg,
Essen,	Stuttgart,
Frankfort,	Wiesbaden.

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The new design Canadian envelopes will be issued in but one size, the old number 2. The price has been reduced 10 cents per hundred and special return requests are to be printed free.

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Authorized split 1 cent Canada were issued to mail an issue of the Railway News at Glasgow, N. S., last November. Split stamps are for-

bidden by the Canadian postal laws, but special permission is said to have been given in this case.

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The March number of *Stamps* not only exposes several frauds, but inquires into the shortcomings of several exchange clubs. There seems to be considerable difference of opinion in England as to how exchange clubs shall be run.

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The 5 cents blue have appeared with plate numbers 389, 390, 391, 392, 407, 408, 409 and 410.

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Below is a list of Nebraska Philatelic papers with place of publication and dates:

American Philatelic Magazine, Omaha, 48 Nos., 1892-97.

Collectors Companion, Pawnee City, 4 Nos., 1887.

Collectors Aid, Pawnee City, 4 Nos., 1887.

Collectors Star, Pawnee City, 2 Nos., 1887.

Nebraska Philatelist, Geneva and Milligan, 9 Nos., 1889-90.

Nebraska Stamp News, Fremont, 9 Nos., 1889-90.

Nebraska Stamp, Central City, 6 Nos., 1892-3.

Omaha Philatelist, Omaha, 19 Nos 1896-8.

Philatelic Fraud Reporter, Crete, 2 Nos., 1890.

Philatelic Fraud Specialist, Stromsburg, 1 No., 1890.

Rhilatelic Fraud Reporter, Stromsburg, 26 Nos., 1890-93.

Philatelic Lasso, Fremont, 1 No.,

Philatelic West, Superior, 1896 .

Philatelic Nebraskan, Omaha, 1 No., 1897.

The Kid, Beaver City, 1897 .

Philatelic Nebraskan, Alliance, 2 Nos., 1887.

Stamp Echo, Central City, 1 No., 1892.

Trans-Mississippi Stamp, Omaha, 6 Nos., 1896-97.

Western Philatelic Empire, Omaha, 3 Nos., 1891.

Western Exchange, Central City, 2 Nos., 1891-2.

Western Journal of Philately, Valentine, 3 Nos., 1893.

Do any of the readers know of others that have been published in the state?

CLIPPINGS.

Just now there is a great undercurrent among collectors and dealers demanding the cheaper variety of Mexican revenues. Several well-known dealers and speculators are buying up large quantities of them. The high prices asked for some of the scarcer varieties of U. S. and Canadian revenues is driving collectors into other lines. The Mexican revenues have as much claim on us as the Canadian issues, and are every bit as interesting. They offer an unlimited field for the variety hunter, cheap, pretty and interesting, and why should not we collect them?

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The Foochow locals seem to have recently gone out of use, as mail coming from this place is prepaid with all kinds of stamp combinations. The U. S., Japan and Great Britain seem to be in popular favor, as letters usually come with these combinations. The writer recently recently received an English postal card mailed in Foochow, also a letter prepaid by Chinese, Japanese and some of the treaty ports stamps,

and in both cases they came through as prepaid.

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The new issues from Peru and Cuba are appearing here on mail from these countries. The 1 centavo Peru is dark blue, about the size of our Columbian issue. Center of stamp contains a picture of the new suspension bridge at Lima. The Cuban issue is dark brown in color, with profile of boy king as he appears at the present time.

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FIRST OF THE EXPOSITION STAMPS.

Samples of three of the exposition memorial postage stamps have been received at the postoffice department from the bureau of engraving and printing. These were the 1 cent, 4 cent and $2 stamps. All of the stamps will be of two colors, the picture in the center being printed in black and the border being in color. The rules of the International Postal Union will be observed as to the color of the stamps, where they apply. Under these rules the 1 cent stamp will have a green border, the 2 cent will be red, and the 5 cent a dark blue. The colors of the other stamps will be regulated by the postoffice department.

The 1 cent exposition stamp bears a view of Marquette discovering the Mississippi, and represents Marquette sitting in his priestly robes in the midst of a group of Indians in war paint and feathers, with the great "Father of Waters" in the background.

The 4 cent stamp represents an Indian hunting buffalo and is taken from a steel engraving in Schoolcraft's "Indian Tribes." A magnificent specimen of the bison is shown in full gallop, with an Indian astride a pony close upon his heels, the savage having his bow and arrow in action.

The $2 stamp is entitled "Harvesting in the West," and represents a farmer operating a four horse plow.

The color to be given the 4 cent stamp and the $2 stamp has not yet been determined. As soon as this is decided the stamps will be printed and put on sale.—*Omaha Bee.*

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The sisters of the Home of the Good Shepherd at South Omaha and the sisters of the Poor Clare at Benson have been collecting cancelled postage stamps in South Omaha business houses by means of contribution boxes. The former send their stamps to Lucerne, Switzerland, for sale to collectors, while the sisters at Benson send theirs to the missionaries in China, where, it is claimed, 1,000 cancelled stamps buys a Chinese baby which the missionaries thereafter rear.

NOTICE.

Omaha, April 15, 1898.

To whom it may concern:

Owing to reasons of a business and personal nature, I find it impossible to continue the publication of the *Omaha Philatelist.*

The publishers of THE PHILATELIC WEST will fill all subscriptions and advertising contracts made by me. I have arranged with Mr. Brodstone to publish Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society reports until an official organ is selected, and a full report to date will appear in next month's issue.

R. L. SHEPARD.

NEBRASKA'S PRIDE.

Nebraska Philatelic Society. Organized 1892.



Largest State Society Extant.

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Members N. P. S. and Nebraska Collectors: Send stamps intended for the exposition to W. F. Hendricks, 1711 Leavenworth St., Omaha, Neb. Mr. Hendricks is chairman of the exhibit committee and will see that they reach the right parties to be placed in the exhibition. Please attend to this at once. Respectfully,

S. W. HACKER, Pres.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

New member.—168. E. J. Mackey, Superior.

Applications. 169. Miss A. H. O'Connell, Table Rock; reference, S. P. Hughes. 170. Barton C. Howe, Auburn; reference, S. P. Hughes. 171. Geo. Heaton, Fairmont; reference, L. Brodstone.

Change address. S. W. Hacker, Peru.

We wish names of every active collector in Nebraska, and be to your and his interest if sent me.

The committee on stamp exhibit are at work and desire to hear from all who will help, if only of one country. J. W. Scott's sheets have been got to place stamps on and can be secured of me or secretary of committee at Omaha, F. Rothery, for cost, 3c each. Notice committees report on exhibit.

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EXCHANGE DEPARTME T.

Since my last report several books of rare U. S. have come in, increasing the value to $1,004.36.

Members desiring books to circulate during the summer months must have them in by June 1st. The convention will be much earlier this year than usual, and all accounts must be settled by that time. Cut squares, cheap postage and foreign revenues will not sell, so don't send them in for circulation.

S. P. HUGHES.

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Report of Committee Appointed to Secure Space for Stamp Exhibit at Trans-Mississippi Exposition.

Omaha, Neb., April 21, 1898.

L. T. Brodstone, Secretary N. P. S.:

The committee in charge of the Nebraska building at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition have granted our request for space. We are to have a space about sixty feet long, the northeast corner of second floor. They request us to have everything ready to hang up by May 15th, so we must receive them by the 12th. We think that it will be best to frame the stamps four sheets (Scott's) to a frame. All sheets must be framed and freight or express charges prepaid, shipped to S. Mortenson, 16th

and Chicago Streets, Omaha, Neb. We will see that all frames are properly hung. We have received several communications with regard to buying cases in use at stamp exhibit at World's fair, but cannot use them as we can only secure wall space and so must use frames.

Very Respectfully,
S. MORTENSON,
W. F. HENDRIKS,
F. W. ROTHERY,
Committee.

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The following is a list of members on fund for medals, etc.:

List of $2 each:
F. W. Rothery 2
W. F. Hendriks 2.
S. Mortenson 2
R. L. Shephard 2.
S. W. Hacker 2.
E. W. Fitt 2.
S. P. Hughes 2.
L. T. Brodstone 2.
F. B. Woolston 2.

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"We run across some very queer things here sometimes," said one of the post-office employees yesterday, "but I think the very queerest piece of mail matter I ever handled was one that was brought in three or four years ago by one of the collectors. He said when he opened the mail box he saw a loose stamp lying there and picked it up. To his surprise he found a penny adhering to the gummy side, and across the end—it was a two-cent Columbian—was written the address in ink, very small, of course, but perfectly legible. That was all there was to it. The cent was the letter, and the stamp served as the envelope. You couldn't imagine a more compact epistle."

"Did it carry all right?"

"I suppose so. The cent was stuck on tight, apparently, and as the address was a city one, it probably held until delivered. I suppose it was sent partly as a joke and partly to test Uncle Sam's patience. It caused a great deal of comment in the office, and the boys all agreed that it was one of the strangest things that ever happened."—*Pittsburg Dispatch.*

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NOTICE.

We have had a number of our readers speak of last month's article on U. S 3c 1861 Unperforated and U. S. Plate Nnmbers. Be pleased to see any MSS on above or of U. S. entire envelopes.

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R. L. Shepherd writes that he is with the National Guards at Lincoln, and if any ads or notices are left out you may know the reason.

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MORE U. S.

We have spoken several times in these columns of the prospects of having numerous new blank spaces in our U. S albums. Since our last issue the outlook is even brighter than it was. There are rumors of all kinds of new stamp taxes and additional stamp taxes. According to the daily press there will be war taxes on all articles that were taxed during the rebellion and others besides. Chewing gum is to have a one cent tax. All this will call for many new stamps. It is also said that congress may raise the letter rate to three cents.

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SPAIN.

The fact that the stamps of a country are a good representation of the history and people of that country, is very clearly demonstrated by the stamps of Spain.

The portraits give us the different rulers. The Republican and Carlist stamps indicate the changes in government. The war stamps tell us of the wars and the extent to which taxation is carried. The poor workmanship, the numerous counterfeits and the frequent changes in design show plainly the backward state of the art of printing in Spain. They are not to be compared with the U. S.

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Many letters are missent because they slip into the gaping sides of unsealed circulars. English half-penny stamped envelopes which are used for circulars are made with the flap at the end to prevent such accidents. It would be well if our 1 cent envelopes were made in the same manner.

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Railway stamps are the leading subject in English journals just now. There is considerable discussion as to whether or not they are collectable. They are used to pay an additional fee on letters mailed at railway stations after regular mails

ave closed. They are issued by the ilway companies.

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European papers are chronicling ifferent varieties of dots after the of U. S. on the 15 cent of 1869. hese blotches vary greatly and ey can be found on all U. S. tamps. We consider it a waste of me to attempt to list them.

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BY THE BUSINESS MANAGER.

We are sorry to say our first errors ppeared in last number that we now of in three years, being ublished, being address of F. H. uebbert, Johnstown, Pa.; should ave been No. 331 Stonycreek St. Visconsin Stamp & Coin Co. instead of Monroe Stamp & Coin Co. Price f Estes' 115 var. packet 30c not 10c. ounterfeit reported was surcharge f Newfoundland.

We are glad to see J. W. Scott in is suit on April 15th for newspaper nd periodical stamps win his ease r the stamp collectors and dealers.

We are making a special low rate o advertisers for the balance of the ear, being cheapest rate seen. Send ostage for rates.

Having taken the Omaha Philatelist into the fold we increase our irculation and lower our rates on space for the balance of the year. Remember we come out last of the month, time when most papers are out, this way has field to itself.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS.

Joe Beard still sends the neatest price list seen. Good as a catalog. Latest being "Joe" the revenue stamp dealer. Send for one.

Standard Stamp Co. has issued largest price list of packet we have seen. J. H. Lubbert also has a list.

Moreau, Bogart & Drubin, auction catalogue.

Wholesale list of H. H. Ashworth & Co., 3 Brown St., Manchester, Eng.

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Stamp matters are picking up in Nebraska, new collectors being heard of each week, and with new issue the coming month is no better place for the advertiser to try than the PHILATELIC WEST. Only 25c an inch where cash is sent with copy.

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See list of philatelic papers of Nebraska on another page. Do you know of any others, and can any of our readers tell us if Midland Philatelist was ever published at Pawnee City and how many numbers?

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We are offering free subscription for twenty five names not on our list, of active collectors if two cents is sent for reply.

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Do you know any'hing about stamps? We would be pleased to see any MSS you may send regard stamps.

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July seems to be the favorite time for stamp meeting at Omaha. Let us hear from those collectors who object to that time.

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Looks as if Spain will get her "U. S. dues" pretty heavily cancelled, writes P. D. Stannard, who is on his way to Omaha, overland with his son, expecting to arrive in June. He is in the market for all uncancelled U. S. post cards. See his ad

For amatuer photographers who expect to attend the Omaha Exposition we hope to give in the next number rules regarding cameras there.

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There has been a kick made on way PHILATELIC WEST is wrapped· If writer received papers in shape I do, most of the wrappers torn and nine-tenths of foreign papers I do not see how they reach me, as generally wrappers are torn in two or tied by postoffice string. I even changed postoffice box thinking that was the cause, and the very ones I wish to bind are the ones always torn.

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Advertisers who have forgot or want get settlement with are as follows F. Higginson, Omaha; J. C. Long, Falls City, Neb.; J. Burton, New York; C. C. Rogers, 113 W 15th street N. Y.; Maro, Button & Co., Chicago; F. N. Massoth & Co., Chicago; W. P. Arnold, Stonington, Conn; W. Knight, Leeds, Eng.; K. Toda, Bingo, Japan; C. Rogers, Janesville, Wis. These are for sale cheap. Following are paid, so attorney reports: Hart, Thurston, Deglman, Newell and Shepard. There may be others in next number. Carion, of California, reports Beggs, of Colorado, a bad account.

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Wish to sell or exchange for collection of stamps 7x12 job press, good as new, cost $60,00. Write for description. B. C. Smith, Beaver City, Neb.

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Fellow members of the Nebraska Philatelic Society and Nebraska Camera Club, allow me to thank you for the honor conferred in electing me your president. It shall be my greatest pleasure to assist the members in any possible way. If you are just starting and do not understand any one of the many puzzling things that come up, do not hesitate to ask any of the officers, as they will gladly furnish any information desired. Mr. Brodstone has kindly offered to publish exchange notices free of charge to members. All members should take advantage of this, as it is worth many times the cost of membership.

Arrangements are being made to hold the first annual convention in Omaha during the exposition. Rates will be low so that each member may attend. Bring your duplicate prints to exchange with the other members. Let each member try and get at least one new name by convention time. The secretary will furnish necessary blanks.

Several camera firms have offered me reduced rates on their own make, and any member desiring a new camera should write me, as this applies only to members.

Again thanking you for your kindness, I am fraternally,

S. P. HUGHES.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Many thanks for honor received at your hands, and hope to receive from all members any suggestions you may have to offer. Object being to help each other. Advantages being that members can ask questions, put free exchange notices, and exchange prints, etc. Expect to offer prizes at our convention in July. All the officers will be pleased to exchange prints with the readers and members. Would advise readers to write advertisers for price lists and samples, as it will pay you. Vice president wishes names of all camera fiends of western Nebraska and will help you. We expected to speak of developing in this number but will start with next number and give a few tables of our exposures, following table being good. This table shows the comparative value of daylight (under like conditions) for photographic purposes at different hours of the day and seasons of the year.

Hour of Day		June	May July	Apr. Aug	Mar. Sept	Feb.	Oct.	Jan. Nov	Dec.
A.M.	P.M.								
12		1	1	1¼	1½	2	3½	4	
11	1	1	1	1¼	1½	2½	4	5	
10	2	1	1	1¼	1¾	3	5	6	
9	3	1	1¼	1½	2	4	*12	*16	
8	4	1½	1½	2	3	*10			
7	5	2	2½	3	*6				
6	6	2½	*3	*6					
5	7	*5	*6						
4	8	*11							

Examp-le.If it is necessary to give ½ second exposure in June, 12 m., under like conditions in December, 12 m., it will require 2 seconds exposure.

*The accuracy of these figures would be affected by yellow sunset.

To get brilliant negatives and good pictures, have them developed as soon as possible.

Do not diaphragm too close. The effect is harsh, and not artistic.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF EXCHANGE.

The object or this department is to afford the members of the society easy facilities for exchanging unmounted photographic prints. Wish to receive any suggestions and list of prints they have to exchange. Those who wish to send in pictures or circuits must follow rules of this department. We want all members to patronize this department. Those who have good pictures to exchange send them now. All that wish to be put on circuit write so as to be put on first circuit. You will find the rules of this department in the next number of this paper.

B. C. SMITH, Exchange Supt.,
Beaver City, Neb.

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INSTANTANEOUS.

Snap shots, largest stop for moving objects and 25 feet from lens coming towards or going from you. Moving objects can be made directly in front of lens at 50 feet and over. Waterscapes, open landscapes and long distance views should be made with highest speed of shutter, and lens stopped down. Interior exposures, best results are made by having an even light on the interior to be photographed.

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10. The Smallest. For cap exposures out doors in cloudy weather. *Never for instantaneous exposures.* The time required for cap exposures on cloudy days with smallest stop will range from half a second to five seconds, according to the light.

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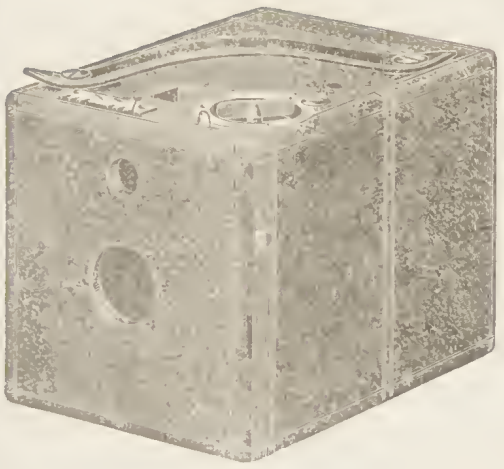
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759	66	2c, vermilion on blue	2	5 00	...
760	66	2c, vermilion on blue	3	50	....
761	66	2c, vermilion on blue	4½	50	...
762	66	2c, vermilion on blue	5	50	.
763	66	2c, vermilion on white	1	15	05
764	66	2c, vermilion on white	2	10	..
765	66	2c, vermilion on white	3	10	03
766	66	2c, vermilion on white	4½	10	03
767	66	2c, vermilion on white	5	15	03
769	66	2c, vermilion on amber	2	20	..
770	66	2c, vermilion on amber	3	20	10
771	66	2c, vermilion on amber	4½	20	03
772	66	2c, vermilion on amber	5	20	03
773	66	2c, vermilion on fawn	2	25	....
775	66	2c, vermilion on fawn	3	25	05
776	66	2c, vermilion on fawn	4½	30	05
777	66	2c, vermilion on fawn	5	35	.. .
778	66	2c, vermilion on fawn	7	35	....
781	66	2c, vermilion on blue	4½	30	....
782	66	2c, vermilion on blue	5	30	.
784	67	4c, green on white	4½	10	...
785	67	4c, green on white	5	10	10
787	67	4c, green on white	7	08	....
788	67	4c, green on white	8	10	....
789	67	4c, green on amber	1½	15	....
790	67	4c, green on amber	5	20	...
791	67	4c, green on amber	7	15	...
794	68	2c, vermilion on fawn	3	1 00	. ..
795	68	2c, vermilion on blue	3	50	....
796	68	2c, vermilion on blue	4½	30	20
797	68	2c, vermilion on blue	5	30	....
798	68	2c, vermilion on white	1	10	....
799	68	2c, vermilion on white	2	15	....
800	68	2c, vermilion on white	3	10	05
801	68	2c, vermilion on white	4½	10	05
802	68	2c, vermilion on white	5	10	05
803	68	2c, vermilion on amber	2	20	10
804	68	2c, vermilion on amber	3	10	05
805	68	2c, vermilion on amber	4½	10	05
806	68	2c, vermilion on amber	5	20	05
807	68	2c, vermilion on fawn	2	25	.
808	68	2c, vermilion on fawn	3	20	....
809	68	2c, vermilion on fawn	4½	20	10
810	68	2c, vermilion on fawn	5	20	10
811	68	2c, vermilion on fawn	7	20	10
812	68	2c, vermilion on blue	2	40	...
813	68	2c, vermilion on blue	3	25	. ..
814	68	2c, vermilion on blue	4½	25	....
815	68	2c, vermilion on blue	5	20	.
816	68	2c, brown on white	1	25	. .
817	68	2c, brown on white	2	35	...
818	68	2c, brown on white	3	25	....
819	68	2c, brown on white	4½	25	. .
820	68	2c, brown on white	5	25	15
822	68	2c, brown on amber	3	25	...
823	68	2c, brown on amber	4½	25	...
824	68	2c, brown on amber	5	25	10
825	68	2c, brown on fawn	2	70	..
828	68	2c, brown on fawn	5	50	.
829	68	2c, brown on fawn	7	20	.
833	68	2c, brown on blue	5	25	.

Retouched Die.

No.	Die.	Denom. and Paper.	Size.	New.	Used.
834	69	2c, brown on white	1	1 00	.
835	69	2c, brown on white	2	.	1 00
837	69	2c, brown on white	4½	35	20
839	69	2c, brown on amber	2	1 00	...
845	69	2c, brown on fawn	4½	1 00	.
848	69	2c, brown on blue	2	1 00	.
859	69	2c, vermilion on white	2	50	20
860	69	2c, vermilion on white	3	40	..
861	69	2c, vermilion on white	4½	20	10
862	69*	2c, vermilion on white	5	30	15
865	69	2c, vermilion on amber	4½	35	....
866	69	2c, vermilion on amber	5	60	...
867	69	2c, vermilion on fawn	2	1 00	..
869	69	2c, vermilion on fawn	4½	1 00	50
870	69	2c, vermilion on fawn	5	1 00	...
871	69	2c, vermilion on fawn	7	50	
874	69	2c, vermilion on blue	4½	1 00	..
879	69	2c, vermilion on fawn	3	1 50	
880	69	2c, vermilion on blue	3	2 00	...
881	69	2c, vermilion on white	5	2 00	.

Two Wavy Lines

No.	Die.	Denom. and Paper.	Size.	New.	Used.
897	70	2c, brown on white	1	10	05
898	70	2c, brown on white	2	..	05
898a	70	2c, brown on white, die B	2	7 00	
899	70	2c, brown on white	3	05	03
900	70	2c, brown on white	4½	05	03
901	70	2c, brown on white	5	05	03
904	70	2c, brown on white	8	15	..
906	70	2c, brown on amber	2	15	10
906a	70a	2c, brn. on am. spec. var. B	2	1 00	.
907	70	2c, brown on amber	3	10	05
908	70	2c, brown on amber	4½	10	05
909	70	2c, brown on amber	5	10	05
910	70	2c, brown on amber	7	10	
911	70	2c, brown on fawn	2	25	.
911a	70a	2c, brown on fawn, var. B	2	80	
913	70	2c, brown on fawn	4½	15	10
914	70	2c, brown on fawn	5	15	.
915	70	2c, brown on fawn	7	15	
916	70	2c, brown on blue	2	10	.
917	70	2c, brown on blue	3	10	05
918	70	2c, brown on blue	4½	10	05
919	70	2c, brown on blue	5	10	03
920	59	10c, brown on white	7	20	10
921	59	10c, brown on amber, spec	7	20	..
922	57	30c, black on white	8	80	..
923	61	90c, carmine on white	8	1 25	....
932	70	2c, brown on or. buff, spec	3	50	..
938	70	2c, brown on blue, spec	7	25	....
943	59	10c, brown on or. buff, spec	7	50	....
944	57	30c, black on or. buff, spec	8	1 00	.. .

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THE N. P. S. EXHIBIT.

When this reaches you the Trans-Mississippi Exposition, and with it the exhibit of the Nebraska Philatelic Society, will have been opened. At the present time there is every prospect that the exhibit will be a complete success. The enterprise, originating with the Nebraska Philatelic Society, is appropriatly placed in the Nebraska building which is illustrated above. It also appears in the foreground of the birds eye view on the cover of our January number. It is located in the southeast part of the grounds on Sixteenth street. It has east and west fronts and overlooks a delightful view of the river and the Iowa shore. A room in the northeast corner of the second floor has been assigned to the society. This will be the principal philatelic headquarters on the grounds, although the postoffice and treasury departments will also have stamp exhibits in the government building.

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Change in Trans-Mississippi Stamps.

The bureau of engraving and printing having found it impracticable to furnish satisfactorily or in the time desired supplies of the several denominations of Trans-Mississippi stamps in two colors, or with black centers and colored borders, as was at first intended, and as is announced in the current May—number of the Postal Guide, the department is constrained to issue each of the donominations of these stamps in a single color. This change has necessitated several other changes; so that the descrip-

tion of the stamps as given in the May Guide must be ignored.

The Trans-Mississippi stamps differ materially in size from the ordinary series, the engraved space being about ⅞ of an inch wide by about 1¾ long. The designs are radically unlike those of the ordinary stamps—consisting of a border (substantially the same in all the denominations, except that the figures and letters representing values are different) and a central scene indicative in some way of the development of the great region beyond the Mississippi river. The scenes and the borders are all printed from lined engravings on steel, executed by the bureau of engraving and printing of the treasury department.

The border, which forms in its inner line an irregular oval frame work to each of the scenes represented consists of a fluted figure on either side, with interior cross bars, beginning in a single line near the bottom of the stamp, and enlarging until it reaches a shield in each of the upper corners, wherein is engraved in white Arabic numeral of denomination—the dollar mark being also included in the case of the two and two dollar stamps. At the top connecting the two shields, and united to the fluted framework on the two sides, is a curved tablet, on which are engraved in small white capitals the words, "United States of America." Above this, on either side, are heads of wheat, and between these a small scroll. Immediately below the central scene is the title of the picture in diminutive white Gothic letters on a curved tablet, and below this on either side, in scrolls, are the words of value, "one," "two," and so on, in white capitals, except in the case of the two highest denominations, where "$1.00" and "$2.00" are substituted for letters. Above each of these is a projecting ear of corn, and at the bottom of all on a straight black tablet are the words "Postage One Cent," "Postage Two Cents," and so on, in white capitals.

The scenes represented on the stamps together with the colors of the several denominations, are as follows:

One-cent—Marquette on the Mississippi; dark green.

Two-cent—Farming in the west; copper red.

Four-cent Indian hunting buffalo; orange.

Five-cent—Fremont on Rocky Mountains; dark blue.

Eight-cent — Troops Guarding Train; dark lilac.

Ten-cent—Hardships of Emigration; slate.

Fifty-cent—Western Mining Prospector; olive.

One-dollar—Western Cattle in Storm; light brown.

Two-dollar — Mississippi River Bridge; sapphire blue.

No Trans-Mississippi postal cards or stamped envelopes will be issued.

Although this series of stamps will be discontinued on the 31st of December, 1898, they will be good for postage at any time afterwards.

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Back numbers of the PHILATELIC WEST, those before volume five we can furnish, except Vol. 1 No. 1, for two cents each, No. 1 15c. From Vol. 5 we send out all numbers, and by getting of friends subscribers we are able to offer a very few at 5c each. Will send PHILATELIC WEST two months for any number since Vol. 5 if in good condition. One year's subscription for Vol. 1 No. 1. Have you any of the above.

Boiled Down.

Original and Otherwise.

The stamps of Alsace-Lorraine were not only used in these provinces but in all parts of France held by German troops beteen 1870 and 1873. The reprints were made in 1885.

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Cancelling machines are to be introduced into England.

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It is said that the British government will not change their stamps to comply with the postal union requirements. They consider the current set the most satisfactory that they have ever had and do not wish to risk a change.

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The early lithographed stamps of Hayti can be plated.

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The postoffice department has adopted a new kind of cancelling ink. It is very different and superior to any ink heretofore used to cancel U. S. stamps. Much plainer postmarks will be obtained because the new ink does not clog the stamp, gum the pad or evaporate. It renders washing impossible as it penetrates the fiber of the paper. It does this very rapidly, drying almost instantly. The color at first is almost black, but it soon changes to a greenist tint not unlike the British ink.

It will probably be of advantage to collectors because while there will not be so many fait impressions, the heavy impressions will be more transparent. The quick drying feature will prevent smears and give us clean looking cancellations. It remains to be seen whether the chemican properties will injure the color or gum.

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Most of the British colonies have agencies in London where their current stamps can be purchased at face.

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We learn from the Evergreen State Philatelist that the maple leaves in the lower corner of the new Canadians may be replaced with numerals. There is also talk of changing the color of the two cent. The purple does not show the cancellation plain enough.

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The Turkish government will issue special stamps for Thessaly.

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According to the Philatelic Record, Figian 2d and 6d stamps were used for a short time in Tonga in 1886.

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Since January the high values Chilian due stamps have not been issued. The reconstructed plate is as follows:

1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20

The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain says that the stamps of from this new plate are perforate 13½, the old ones were perforated 11½. There are conflicting reports in regard to a new design to be adopted soon. It is also said that all values above 6 centavos will be

dropped. This will require still another plate.

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A bill has been introduced in the senate allowing the use of private postal cards. They are to be mailed with a one cent stamp and to be under certain restrictions in regard to size and printing on the face.

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Envelopes are being made with a strip of wire lying inside the flap, with the ends bent downward and doubled to fit over the ends and hold it in place as the envelope is sealed, leaving a small section of wire in view, to be pulled upward to open the flap.—Ex.

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Mr L. J. Scott informs us that he has seen one cent green plate number 538 to 541.

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The postmaster general and the secretary of war urge the committees on postoffices and post-roads to secure the immediate passage of a bill granting authority to organize a military postage system, which is extremely important, because of the large bodies of troops that will be gathered at different rendezvous during the next few days. Special and complete military postal service is proposed under the direction of an inspector of the postoffice department, who shall be detailed by the postmaster general and bear the rank and receive the emoluments of a colonel of volunteers. He will be assisted by a regular army officer with a rank of lieutenant-colonel of volunteers, and one of the assistant superintendents of the railway mail service, who shall have the rank of major of volunteers. These three officials are to have full charge of the military mail service. The secretary of war is to detail an officer in each army corps and division to act as postmaster, who shall have the assistance of the necessary number of sergeants corporals and privates who are to act as clerks, collectors and carriers. These nomadic postoffices are to follow the troops. Sub-stations are to be designated for each regiment, and batallions if necessary, and provision will be made not only for the handling of mail matter, but for money orders and a registered letter service.—Chicago Record.

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HOW TO REMOVE STAMPS

This is a question that has aggitated the minds of a great many colleetors. My best and most successful way is to lay the stamp on a smooth board or a piece of glass with its face downward. Then dampen a sponge and lay it on the paper to be removed, leaving it there until it moistens the gum, and then gently remove the paper from the stamp. In this way you do not altar the color or mutilate the stamp. R.L. Doak.

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THE SCHOOLBOYS SOLILOQUY.

If I had a million dollars
Oh, what wonders I would do!
I would astonish all the scholars
With the project I have in view.

I would buy all rarities in creation,
No matter whate'er their cost;
Stamps of every denomination,
Every one of which I would boast.

The rare ten cent Baltimore local,
Certainly, I would posess.
And when its possession I did get,
The news I'd publish in the press.

Then to me would come great fame,
For all would hear of me,
And philatelic glory to my name,
Forever and a day would be.

—By Pascoe Williams, P. L. S. No. 98.

Nebraska Camera Club.

(Branch of N. P. S.)

President . . . . . S. P. Hughes, Howe.
Vice-President . . . . . I. L. Foman, Alma.
Secretary . . . . . L. Brodstone, Superior.
Superintendent of Exchange. . . . . .
. . . . . B. C. Smith, Beaver City.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Fellow members of the Nebraska Camera Club:

Permit me to call your attention to the many benefits derived from membership in this society. Let each member secure at least one application for membership. I have found that a large number of amateurs are willing to join as soon as the benefits are explained to them. For those who desire to exchange prints, no better way will be found than the exchange column of this paper, or with Mr. Smith of Beaver City.

Several members have written me for formulas, for developing. The following will give good results for those desiring to put up their own developer:

No 1. Good well water 16 oz.
Sulphite of Soda (crystals) 4 oz.
Pyrogallic acid 1 oz.
Sulphuric acid 10 drops.

No. 2. Water 16 oz.
Sal soda (crystals) 4 oz.

To develope take of
No. 1, 1 oz.
No. 2, 1 oz.
Water 8 oz.

A good fixer may make from 1 part hypo. to 4 parts, with a small amount af alum added to prevent frilling.

One oz of the developer above will develop 12 $3\frac{1}{2}$x$3\frac{1}{2}$ plates at one time if a large tray is used, or other sizes in proportion.

The first annual convention will be called at about the same time as the N. P. S. so that all may have a chance to attend. All members who will attend write secretary that he may know how to make arrangements for accommodations, etc.

Fraternally,
S. P. HUGHES.

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To the Members of the N. P. S. and Nebraska Camera Club:

Allow me to thank you for my election, and I will do all in my power to help it along. If in need of supplies, cameras etc., I can save you money. Write me as I will be pleased to hear from all members.

I. L. FORMAN,
Vice President

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Report of Superintendent of Exchunge Department.

Members, if you wish to make this department a success send in your prints immediately. This department will be run on a cash basis. It will have same rules as the exchange department of N. P. S. Send in all good toned prints you have duplicates of marked at a low price so as to insure ready sales. Every one must send good prints now as I want to get out a circuit soon. All who have prints send them. All that wish to be put on circuit write at once.

B. C. SMITH,
Exchange Superintendent.

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Secretary's Report.

The purposes and needs of the Nebraska Camera Club are to exchange views both mental and picturesque, with incidents of accidents, successes and failures, and many questions to be asked which will

help each other will be pleased to receive any hints or help regarding cameras or stamps. The club is a branch of the Nebraska society until the convention and then it will be determined whether to make it separate as members wish. Publishing names in secretary's list this way helps to increase both.

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To refix plates in hypo soak fim solution bromide and water, 1 part to thirty parts water.

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What is more interesting pastime as well as learning than stamps for indoors, and outside the camera and wheel take the lead.

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Reversed negatives, rub film with piece of orage or lemon for a few minutes and will come off quite easily. Can be placed in water floated on the plate. Reverse way up and allowed to dry.

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Amateur photography is growing more and more every year. Since the introduction of the hand cameras, picture making has been so easy that the possibilities of photography are brought within the reach of all. The amateur photography is now found among persons in nearly every walk of life. Both amateur and professional find the camera a valuable and enjoyable companion.

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From a practical point of view landscape photography offers pleasing and profitable employment, as is attested by the many "Viewing Companies" now on the road. It offers an excellent method of paying expenses of travel to those who are compelled to seek change of climate without the means necessary to do so; as the work is light, and persons in delicate health have little difficulty in carrying on the business satisfactorily.

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MAGIC PHOTOGRAPHS.

Harpers Round Table states photographs which can be made to appear on a piece of blank paper, make photographic print on piece of albumen paper printing to same tone as finished, wash two or three times and without toning place in fixing bath 1 oz hypo and 8 of water, leave in for five minutes, then wash thoroughly and place in saturated solution of bicloride mercury until picture disappears. Leave till it bleaches them, wash and dry. The paper appears white but contains invisable image. The magic picture is action of hypo. Take piece of blotter in saturated solution of hypo of soda and dry. When wish picture to appear soak blotter slightly and place picture face down rubbing it to insure perfect contact. Immediately the picture will begin to show and soon be clear as when first printed. When you wish to show magic pictures it is more surprising to initiated if blotting paper has been moist and placed in a book, show the apparently piece of paper and slip in the book next to the blotter, shut book tightly and in minute or two take it out you will find picture. The picture will disappear after being exposed to light some time, but can be made to appear indefinitely.

NEBRASKA'S PRIDE.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Nominations for officers N.P.S. are in order. Will be published with date of convention in the next number.

If you have not all ready sent in your exhibit do so at once.

S. W. HACKER.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

NEW MEMBERS.

169. Miss A. H. O'Connell, Table Rock.
170. Barton C. Howe, Auburn.
171. George Heaton, Fairmont.

APPLICATIONS.

172. George Cooper, Auburn; referrence, S. P. Hughes.
173. Merle S. Mathier, Aurora; reference F. E. Swanson.
174. G. H. Burdick, Plattsmouth; reference, E. W. Fitt.
175. L. Forman, Alma; reference, L. Brodstone.
176. Jas. A. Kennedy, Hastings; reference A. L. Smith.
177. C. L. Hoevet, Fairfield; reference L. Brodstone.

READMISSION.

54. Miss Adde Whaley, Callaway.
154. B. C. Smith, Beaver City.
57. C. J. Platt, 1827 W. 27th street, Lincoln.

Several of the members owe dues to the society and if marked you may know you are one who owes 25c, which please send to secretary-treasurer at once.

Nominations for officers of N. P. S. are now in order. Send to me before the 15th.

Do you know of any Nebraska collectors not members? Send me their names.

EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

All members owing for stamps are kindly requested to make settlement by June 1.

All books intended for circulation during the summer months must be in by the first of June. It is expected that a large number will attend the convention this year, and members having books in dept at this time will find a ready sale for good stamps if priced right. United States and Canadian stamps are most in demand.

Respectfully,
S. P. HUGHES.

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OMAHA, NEB., May 18, 1898.

MEMBERS N. P. S.:

Several frames of stamps received so far. We will hang what we have on the 22d. Let everyone try and get their's in by the 29th. Stamps received so far give promise of fine exhibit. It has been arranged to have 5000 catalogues of the exhibit printed and distributed free in Omaha. Will probably be ready by June 15th.

S. Mortenson,
W. F. Hendriks,
F. W Rothery,
Committee.

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Can you help exhibit out, if only one complete country. Can send or bring your exhibit to S. Mortenson, 404 N. 16th street Omaha, who has charge of placing exhibits.

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If you wish to see Chairman W. F. Hendriks he can be found at Paxton hotel after 7 p. m. F. Rothery, secretary, at Postal Telegraph Co. A Great many stamp boys meet at F. Parmelees store, next door to Postal Telegraph Co., 1316 Farnam street. F. Parmelee being one of the leading collectors, I hope to be at Parmelee's place near noon on June first and will be pleased to meet any collectors who may be there. Will have sample badges of society and club to show members who may wish to see them.

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It is with regret that we announce the sudden death of Mr. Joe F. Beard on May 6, at his home in Muscatine, Iowa. Mr. Beard was widely and favorably known among philatelists as a society member, a dealor, and a collector. He was a member of all the leading societies and secretary of the American Philatelic Association. He was one of the organizers of the Trans-Mississippi society, and was to be its first president. He was very prominent in several fraternal societies and secretary of the Iowa State Firemens' Association. His stamp business will be conducted by Mr. D. T. Eaton, of Muscatine.

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We have received the prospectus of something new—a humorous philatelic book. It is to be called "Stamp Hunting," and is written by Lewis Robie.

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Stamp collectors are all familiar with the patriotic war emblems of the rebellion. The present war is bringing out hundreds of new ones. The prettiest we have seen is from I. A. Mekeel.

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The American Souvenir Card Company has failed. We are sorry that Mr. Albreh's business venture was not succeesful, but as we said in regard to the provisional dues, philately already has too many side lines.

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THE PHILATELIC WEST buying out the Omaha Philatelist it was intended that the former should forfil the promise of the latter, to be the official organ of the Trans-Mississippi society until the society is in running order. As yet there has been no election of officers. Mr. R. L. Shepherd, who was acting secretary, has enlisted in the Nebraska volunteers and we have therefore not been able to secure any society reports or announcements.

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The American Journal of Philately announces the discovery of a 10 centovos Chilian 1853 on blued paper with an ivory head as conclusive evidence that the stamp existed on blue paper. Now comes the Philatelic Record saying that there had been no question of its existence, and that they know of other copies. We do not consider their ground well taken. A reference to the different catalogs will show that its existence has been doubted

and a careful examination of the stamps supposed to be on blued paper will show that they are blued by a surplus of ink or thin paper and not by a chemical action between the gum and paper.

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THE WAR

Philatelists are above the ordinary mortals in regard to wars—unless, perhaps, if one was close at home. We look beyond the capture of Havana and Manila, and are only considering what will be the complexion of the next issue of Porto Rico and the Philippines. The present prospects are fine for our being able to add some Omahas with foreign postmarks to our original cover albums. This will indeed be a novelty in the way of U. S. stamps. As in the case of Alaska and the U. S. postal agency at Shanghai it is not likely that any foreign territory held by the United States will be given a special issue. There is no indication that the war will lessen the number of collectors or hurt the stamp business. On the contrary the great interest that is awakening in regard to foreign countries is starting new collectors.

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PROVISIONAL DUES.

Mr. F. W. Bradley mentions in Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, split two cent due stamps surcharged "postage due 1 cent," used as one cent and submits a letter from the postmaster at Jefferson, Iowa, approving their genuineness. We also have like stamps on the original covers used in offices where we know they were necessary because there was no one cent dues on hand at the time. However, we do not think it well to consider them seriously. Philately already has too many side lines. Although such provisionals exactly forbidden by the department they only have the sanction of the postmaster. Suppose each of the 70 odd thousand postmasters should issue them. There would be quite a few varieties in that many printings of the surcharges. Then there is more than one way of making one cent dues. We have seen the following:

Half of 2-cent due.
Same surcharged.
Ordinary one cent stamp.
Same surcharged.

Of course the splits come in different shapes, vertical, horizontal and diagonal. We have also seen the following different surcharges, not to mention the varieties of color, type and manner of expressing "one cent:"

Due.
Postage due.
Due 1 cent.
Postage due 1 cent.

These provisionals are much more common than is generally supposed. Most all offices are provided with rubber stamps with which it is possible to do the surcharging.

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BY THE BUSINESS MANAGER.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS.

Sample photographs of self-toning paper, which is fine. Write for samples of paper.

Sample badges of the Nebraska Society and Camera Club from Whitehead & Hoag Co.

Invitations to St. Pauls Pilatelic Society banquet, May 20. Windsor

hotel. Distance and lack of time prevents.

Error (of 2c green envelope) in printing stamp at bottom instead of top from Shepard library N. P. S.

Photographs of A. P. A. members at Boston, last Aug. from New England stamp company. Price 25c, $2.50 per dozen, being four varieties.

B. C. Smith Camera Co., catalog.

Bogart & Durbins' 104 auction sale catalog.

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Several of the Nebraska collectors have gone off to the war, R. L. Shepard being at Chickamauga. No reports received from him as yet. Ed Wilkinson, of Lincoln light infantry is also there, being one of there officers, and several others whose names they we do not recall.

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What is the matter C. P. S. I sent my dues to president last February and no card yet. Wrote to both secretary and him several times and nothing received.

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H. C. Beardsley, St. Joe. Mo., is to have charge of official catalog of stamp exhibition at Trans-Mississippi exposition. Write him for particulars as all ads must be in by June 15. J. W. Scott also issues a special Omaha edition of Metropolitan along about 1st of July.

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Do you know anything about stamps? Would be pleased to see any MSS you may send. Would be pleased to receive the names of your friend collectors.

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Advertising, especially single insertions, is like casting a fly for a fish. Chances are you'll not get a bite. Speaking of getting replies to ads, take for instance, the papers of England. I have tried most of them for several years, and remember one which issues a philatelic supplement now and then, and I believed had a good circulation. I went direct to publishing office when in Europe in 1894 and placed an ad. had a friend put one in year after, and sent one last year, and not one reply to all three, and yet am willing to try it again. In fact have not received a dozen replies all told, and ones received came from the Stamp Collector's Journal, oldest stamp paper published in English language, and Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser, and lay it to the fact of being agent carry ads most the year round and find that it pays best.

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It was sad news for me to hear of Joe Beard's death, on May 6, at 8:15 a.m, of acute peretonitis, and seemed very hard to believe, as I remember last August with Joe and H. Gremmell eating dinner together in New York. We all spoke of attending Omaha exposition this summer and both have since passed away. Joe was one of the most popular collectors and dealers in America and was always a friend of the publishers, being the first to subscribe and always prompt. He entered into everything with a zest and determination to succeed, and his untimely demise will be the source of general mourning. His successor, D. T. Eaton, will come nearer filling his place than any one we know of.

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No.	Die.	Denom. and Paper.	Size.	New.	Used.
907	49	1c, blue on white	3	.03	....
919	49	1c, blue on white	11	.05	.03
950	49	1c, blue on white	4½	.03	.01
952	49	1c, blue on amber	3	.03	..
953	49	1c, blue on amber	4½	.03	.01
954	49	1c, blue on manila	4	.10	..
955	49	1c, blue on manila	4½	.05	.03
..	49	1c, blue on manila	6	.05	.02
..	49	1c, blue on amber manila	4½	.50	..
..	..	2c, brown on white	1	.05	..
..	..	2c, brown on white	2	.05	..
..	..	2c, brown on white	3	.05	.03
..	..	2c, brown on white	10	.05	..
..	..	2c, brown on white	4½	.05	.03
..	..	2c, brown on white	5	.05	.03
..	..	2c, brown on white	7	.05	..
..	..	2c, brown on white	8	.10	.05
..	..	2c, brown on amber	2	.05	.03
..	..	2c, brown on amber	3	.05	.03
..	..	2c, brown on amber	4	.05	..
..	..	2c, brown on amber	7	.05	.03
..	..	2c, brown on amber	legal	.05	..
..	..	2c, brown on amber	7	.05	..
..	..	2c, brown on amber	8	.10	.05
..	..	2c, brown on or. buff	3	.10	..
..	..	2c, brown on or. buff	4	.10	.05
..	..	2c, brown on or. buff	5	10	.05
..	..	2c, brown on or. buff	legal	10	..
..	..	2c, brown on or. buff	7	10	..
..	..	2c, brown on or. buff	8	10	..
982	..	2c, brown on blue	3	08	..
..	..	2c, brown on blue	4	10	..
..	..	2c, brown on blue	5	10	..
..	..	2c, brown on blue	6	10	..
..	..	2c, brown on blue	7	10	..
..	..	2c, brown on blue	8	10	..
..	..	2c, brown on manilla	3	10	..
..	..	2c, brown on manila	4½	10	..
..	..	2c, brown on manila	5	10	..
..	..	2c, brown on manila	9	15	..
992	..	2c, brown on manila	4	10	..
993	..	2c, brown on manila	8	10	..
994	..	2c, brown on amb manila	3	10	..
..	..	2c, brown on amb manila	4½	10	..
..	..	2c, brown on amb manila	5	10	..
..	..	2c, brown on amb manila	9	10	..
..	..	2c, brown on amb manila	7	10	..
..	..	2c, brown on amb manila	8	08	..
..	..	4c, green on white	5	50	..
..	..	4c, green on manila	9	30	..
..	..	4c, green on amber	9	40	..
..	..	4c, green on amber	5	25	..
..	..	4c, green on manila	9	25	..
..	..	4c, green on manila	5	15	..
..	..	4c, green on manila	9	30	..
..	..	4c, green on manila	9	40	..
1008	67	4c, green on manila	7	30	..
1009	67	1c, green on manila	8	20	..
1010	67	4c, green on amb manila	5	15	..
1012	66	4c, green on amb manila	7	25	..
1013	67	1c, green on amb manila	8	25	..
1013a	67	1c, green on amb manila	8	25	..
1014	65	5c, brown on white	4½	10	..
1015	65	5c, brown on white	5	10	..
1016	65	5c, brown on amber	4	10	..
1016a	65	5c, brown on amber var pa		15	..
1019	65	5c, brown on amber	5	15	..
1034	59	10c, brown on amber	7	20	..
1038	59	10c, brown on or. buff	5	10	..
1039	55	10c brown on or. buff	9	10	..
1040	57	10c, brown on or. buff	7	10	..
1050	59	10, brown on manila	7	40	..
1052a	70	2c, brown on am man, sp	2	2 00	..
1052c	70	2c, brown on am man sp	4	3 00	..
1052f	90	2c, brown on am man sp	7	50	..
1052g	70	2c, brown on manila spec	2	3 00	..
1052h	70	2c, brown on manila spec	3	3 00	..
1073	57	3c, black on amb man sp	8	1 50	..
1074	61	90c, carmine on manilla sp	8	3 00	..

Twelfth Series 1887.

No.	Die.	Denom. and Paper.	Size.	New.	Used.
1076	71	1c, blue on white	3	05	..
1078	71	1c, blue on white	4½	05	..
1079	71	1c blue on amber	3	05	..
1081	71	1c, blue on manila	4	10	..
1092	72	2c, green on white die A	3	25	..
1094	72	2c, green on white, die A	5	1 00	..
1095	72	2c, green on amber die A	5	1 00	..
1095	72	2c, green on or. buff die A	3	7 50	..
1102	72	2c, green on white, die B	1	10	..
1103	72	2c, green on white	3	05	..
1108	72	2c, green on white	11	05	..
1109	72	2c, green on white	4½	..	05
1110	72	2c, green on white	5	05	03
1111	72	2c, green on white	9	05	..
1115	72	2c, green on amber	3	04	..
1116	72	2c, green on amber	4½	..	03
1117	72	2c, green on amber	5	05	..
1118	72	2c, green on amber	9	10	..
1119	75	2c, green on amber	7	05	3
1120	75	2c, green on amber	8	05	..
1127	72	2c, green on or. buff	8	10	..
1133	72	2c, green on blue	7	05	..
1139	72	2c, green on manila	7	10	..
1140	82	2c, green on manila	8	10	..
1141	72	2c, green on amb man	3	05	..
1142	72	2c, green on amb man	4 1-2	05	..
1143	72	2c, green on amber man	5	10	..
1145	72	2c, green on amber man	7	10	..
1147	72	4c, carmine on white	5	10	..
1154	73	4c, carmine on blue	legal	25	..
1156	73	4c, carmine on manila	legal	20	..
1157	73	4c, carmine on manila	7	20	..
1158	73	4c, carmine on manila	8	20	..
1160	73	4c, carmine on amb man	legal	20	..
1161	73	4c, carmine on amb man	7	15	..
1162	73	4c, carmine on amb man	8	20	..
1162	74	5c, blue on white	4 1-2	10	..

The Philatelic West



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JUNE-JULY, 1898.

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2.00 probate of will, fine	——	.45
3.00 charter party, fine	.75	.10
3.50 In. Ex	——	.90
5.00 charter party	1.25	.10
5.00 manifest, fine	1.50	1.25
$ 5.00 mortgage	$ 1.50	$ .45
5.00 probate of will, fine	5.00	.45
10.00 charter party, fine	——	.45
10.00 conveyance, fine	1.75	1.25
10.00 mortgage, fine	——	1.25
10.00 probate of will, fine	——	.45
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HISTORY OF THE STAMPS OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN.

BY REV. H. WENDT.

IT IS interesting to know how the stamps of these two small countries came into existence, and how they soon disappeared. On March 24, 1848, the provisional government of the dukedoms was constituted, and on April 25th the constitution was made public. The postal affairs in the dukedoms were performed before the year 1848 by the secretaryship of the general post direction in Copenhagen. With the new government a post bureau was established, controlled by the finance department.

The manager of this bureau was Dr. jur. Hans W. Ahlmann. This energetic man reorganized the whole postal affairs, and in March, 1850, brought before the highest convention of the people (senate in our country) a sketch, or better, bill for the introduction of stamps. This bill was accepted by the house on March 26th and made public on April 8th. The next step was to find a suitable party who would undertake the work. Negotiations were made with a Mr. Wiener to engrave the first stamps, but as he asked too much for labor a contract could not be made. Soon after, May 15th, a Mr. Rindermann lithographed a number of stamps and sent fourteen to the government as samples. They were blue and black on different papers. Of these three copies are known to exist yet.

Finally the book printers, Kœbner & Lehmkuhl Co., in Altona, received orders to send proof impressions to the government As they received no orders in regard to denominations, etc., they prepared a great number of different values. The bureau, however, only accepted the 1-shilling and 2-shilling stamps, and on July 5, 1850, ordered 2,000,000. The company went to work, and from November 10, 1850, to February 1, 1851, they delivered 1,300,000 1-shilling blue and 700,000 2-shilling red. Accordingly, on November 15th, the same day as in Russia, the

first Schleswig-Holstein stamps were put on sale. However, Denmark had again taken possession of Schleswig, consequently the stamps could only be used in Holstein, and even there for only a short time. The civil magistracy prohibited further sales on February 1, 1851, because the coat of arms of the dukedoms adorned the stamps. The stamps already in the hands of the public were good for postage until August 31, 1851.

So we find that the Schleswig-Holstein stamps were sold from November 15, 1850, to February 1, 1851, and were used as late as August 31 of the same year. According to Rosekranz only 8,701 stamped letters passed through the postoffice during this time. The postage on these letters was 15,731 shillings, so about 8,000 1-shilling and 4,000 2-shilling stamps were used. Two millions were issued. What became of the o. g. stamps? Until 1864 they remained in the archives at Copenhagen. It is thought that the greatest number came into the hands of dealers.

These facts reveal the scarcity and therefore the high price of the used Schleswig-Holstein. Moral: As a rule one should collect used stamps.

The opening sale day of the Omaha stamps at this place was June 17th. The stamp clerk in charge claims the crowd was enormous—people of all classes, shades and sex, buying from a few varieties to the whole set. The clerk stated the call for stamps could have kept three persons busy filling orders. I hope the interest will grow in our "fad" in everyone's mind that are buying these stamps as souvenirs.

The N. P. S. exhibit is already demonstrating the fact that there are hundreds of collectors who are too timid to let their fancy be known and stand out as a philatelist.

PHILATELIC ITEMS.

The overprint on the 1876 issue of Turkey is different for each denomination. The catalogue would lead one to believe that all have the same surcharge. The difference is only in the lower horizontal group of characters

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The old issues of Turkey are puzzlers for the beginner. They were made in Turkey by natives who were careless. Some of them are so crudely engraved that we almost think we could have done it better ourselves. There are many perforation varieties, and the due stamps are printed from the same plates as the postage stamps. Each set of due stamps was printed in the same color for all values; just as the United States does.

Who would have thought of China having revenue stamps? The recent surcharges on the 3c revenue reveal their existence. They seem to be intended to be used by foreigners only, for there are no Chinese characters on them at all.

The 1897 Chinese provisionals come cancelled in at least three different ways, but I have not seen any with the unique obliteration found on the 1885 issue. Some are cancelled with a square of six heavy parallel bars. The other cancellations are formed of two concentric circles, with the date within the smaller. Between the two circles in one kind are Chinese characters; in the other kind CUSTOMS is found between the two circles at the top and the name of the town at the bottom. Perhaps the stamps cancelled with the CUSTOMS hand stamp were used fiscally.

It is not generally known that Hong Kong is not the only place in China where Hong Kong postage stamps are used. Hong Kong has had branch postoffices in various large cities in

China, just as the European nations have in the Levant. The stamps of China proper have never been available until recently for sending mail outside of China; hence the Hong Kong stamps were needed for foreign correspondence. Now that China has entered the postal union this will not be necessary in the future.

The current 1-cent envelope stamp on the heavy quality amber paper (not manilla) is a really scarce stamp. It is missing in a good many fair sized collections.

The stamped envelopes of 4-cent and 5-cent denominations of the 1887 issue, catalogued at 25 cents each, were only printed on the scarce varieties of paper in lots of 500 or more to fill special orders. The 4-cent on plain manilla paper seems to be the scarest of them all.

A. D. SCHOCH.

UNITED STATES ISSUES OF 1898.

Beginning the first of the year, the government, to conform with the U. P. U., changed the 1-cent blue to green, and the 5-cent chocolate to blue, then June 15th came the "Omaha issue," viz:

1-cent dark green.
*2-cent copper red.
4-cent orange.
5-cent dark blue.
8-cent dark lilac.
10-cent slate.
$1.00 black.
$2.00 light brown.

*Light and dark shades already reported.

Much can be said of this issue pro and con. They are, taken as a whole, a fine looking set; yet the engraving and ink under a glass are not of the best. The figures of value, with the possible exception of the 4-cent, are all good.

On the speculators' side, since the 8-cent registration fee is in force, the 4-cent is the odd "bird in the bunch." I cannot see how they can make a corner as the first order of our government was as follows:

1-cent,	100,000,000.
2-cent,	200,000,000.
4-cent,	5,000,000.
5-cent,	10,000,000.
8-cent,	5,000,000.
10-cent,	5,000,000.
50-cent,	500,000.
$1.00,	100,000.
$2.00,	50,000.

Already indications show this order may have to be supplemented.

Again, June 30th ended the fiscal year; also, the 1894 contract expiring same time, has called out new proposals.

The envelope contract was given to the Purcell Envelope Co., although the papers state this may be rescinded on account of his failing in the other contract. I have seen nothing to verify this position, however, so I can say nothing as to design, etc., but I understand the dies may be changed from the 1887 issue for different reasons—long standing, plainness of die, etc.

The contract for all adhesives was again given to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and as "coming events cast their shadows before," for a guess will name our 1898 issue as follows:

1-cent green.
2-cent red.
3-cent purple.
4-cent orange.
*5-cent blue.
6-cent red brown.
8-cent dark lilac.
10-cent slate.
50-cent olive.
$1.00 black.
$2.00 light brown.
†$5.00 dark green.

*Has been talk of change in head.
† This value may be left out entirely.

We in all probability will not see

this set printed till 1899 on account of the Omahas and war tax stamps.

The new postal cards are out (3 sizes); cannot say who are the printers nor can I see where the design is any improvement over the old style. The small card, 1-cent, John Adams, is a very poor engraving on copies I have seen; they are also printed on a different cardboard. Rumor has it that it is "cotton wood pulp." Anyway the 1898 issue can be found in two styles of cardboard, one the smooth manilla and the other on rough cardboard, almost to being ribbed. Why not call them "wooden cards?" The printing looks like wood cut work anyway. Again July 1st our war tax went into effect, which was predicted by me in our March number. At this date there is no use to enumerate the articles taxed, suffice to say the revenue bill covers most everything taxable.

Our government prints two classes of revenue stamps, document and proprietary. With two designs only, the battleship "Maine" on all small denomination stamps (both classes) and the figure of Justice on all dollar values of the document stamps.

The document stamps will be of fifteen varieties, viz: ½-cent, 1-cent, 2-cent, 3-cent, 4-cent, 5-cent, 10-cent, 25-cent and 50-cent, $1.00, $2.00, $3.00, $5.00, $10, $50.

The proprietary stamps are of ten varieties, viz: ⅛-cent, ¼-cent, ⅜-cent, ⅝-cent, 1-cent, 1¼-cent, 2-cent, 2½-cent, 4-cent and 5-cent.

This presents an aggregation of values new to all collectors.

There is a section in this revenue bill that says, "Any manufacturer of proprietary articles may, by paying for the engraving and guarantee to take stamps to the value of not less than $2,000, have their own stamp and design."

Considering the advances our country has made in advertising, philately, in proprietary medicines, etc., the outlook, from a collector's standpoint, is most bewildering, and the question uppermost in our minds is, "Shall we try to collect all?" I say *yes*, be patriotic; and, *first—always*—be a philatelist."

Again, banks can have their checks imprinted with a stamp. Now each bank will probably have their own design, and as our government has designated that New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Atlanta and San Francisco can print these checks, and it is now being agitated that all large cities be allowed to print them, the paper and imprint and style may be counted almost endless. In fact we are able to say positively they are being printed already, the Commercial National bank of Chicago being the pioneer. Style nearly the same as the old issue.

As the time was so short from the passing of the bill till its effect, and the demand being so great, for the first time the United States have had to issue surcharged stamps to be used as revenues until the requisite amount could be printed. Hence the 1-cent green surcharged "I. R." in red. (Two sizes of type are already observed.)

First style—"I. R." 6½ mms.

Second style—"I. R." 9 mms.

Style No. 1 so far is said to be very rare.

Also the 2-cent carmine is surcharged "I. R." in dark blue, but only one style of type so far has been found.

With Cuba, Hawaii, the Phillipines and Port Rico under our flag we hope to see no surcharges, and to collectors will be the task of collecting postmarks only of our different "colonies" if they so desire.

The interest in the "Omahas" and our new "war tax" stamps is very great and is turning many eyes towards philately in general.

Here's hoping that the United States

issues of 1898 may bring many new recruits and turn others back to their old love, philately. NEBRASKA.

BOILED DOWN.

Original and Otherwise.

There are two interesting facts yet to be found out in regard to the recent New Zealand issue. As has been done so often before, the plates and a batch of stamps were prepared in London. The colors are delicate and the workmanship on this first printing is fine. The question is, Will the colonial printers be able to produce as good stamps? The other matter in doubt is the why (?) of the 2½d error. The first reports described this as an error of spelling "Wakitipu" instead of "Wakatipu." Now it appears that there are other differences. Both the colony and the colonial office in London have sold the error and the altered stamp. It is said that about 300,000 of the former were printed. Complete sets are sold at 2 per cent less than face.

"Let's have the stamps and not the Phillipines. The stamps will cost less, be far less troublesome, and it will be easier to distribute them so that each citizen may have at least one. There may be enough of the Phillipines to go around, but that is uncertain, though geographers aver that there is an immense number of them," is what *Harper's Weekly* says in regard to commemorative war stamps.

The postoffice department has ordered that mail matter to and from the Phillipines is to be treated in all respects as domestic mail. Postoffices are to be established in all conquered territory. The offices in the West Indies will be conducted as stations of the New York office; those in the East Indies as stations of San Francisco. The office at Manilla will be known as San Francisco Military Station No. 1. The first office established in Cuba will be New York Military Station No. 1. An important feature of these offices will be the money order department, which will be conducted under the domestic regulations. The advantage in having these offices organized as stations lies in the fact that the business can be directed from New York and San Francisco thus avoiding the delay that would ensue if they were conducted from Washington. Designating them by numbers simplifies the matter of providing postmarking stamps and money order forms in advance regardless of the location of the offices.

The following is an official list of U. S. postal cards:

B 1873, 1c brown, 3⅛x5½, Liberty capped.

B 1875, 1c black, 3⅛x5½, Liberty bare.

E 1879, 2c blue, " x " Liberty bare.

B 1885, 1c brown, 3⅛x5½, Jefferson.

B 1886, 1c black, " x " Jefferson in profile.

A 1891, 1c blue, 2 15-16x4⅝, Grant.

C 1891, 1c black, 3¾x6⅛, Grant.

D 1892, 1c black, reply, 3½x5½, Grant.

F 1892, 2c blue, reply, 3½x5½, Liberty.

G 1894, 1c black, 3½x5½, Jefferson.

E 1896, 2c blue, " x " Liberty.

E 1897, 2c blue, 3¼x5½, Liberty.

H 1897, 1c black, " x " Jefferson.

K 1897, 1c blue, 2 15-16x4 15-16, Adams.

D 1897, 1c black, reply, 3¼x5½, Grant.

F 1897, 2c blue, reply, 3¼x5½, Liberty.

It will be noticed that D and F of 1897 differ from D and F of 1892 in size only. There are enough F, 1892, on hand to supply postmasters for four years. H, 1897, are supplied in sheets of 40, and K, 1897, in sheets of 50 and in lots of 10,000.

The Camera.

CHATS ON PHOTOGRAPHY.

NEXT to cycling probably no hobby has received more attention in recent years than photography. And the combination of the two pursuits is a peculiarly happy one. The cycle takes one to favorite spots, the camera records the scene. So that when distance precludes the acquaintance being renewed the photograph will recall the charms that delighted the observer.

Beyond the ability to secure records, there is a charm about the art of photography itself which only those who practice the art can appreciate. To return from a holiday, or an outing with the cycle and camera; to know that on the plates or films taken there is the latent image seen a few hours before, and which the developer will coax into appearing, till it grows steadily before the eyes of the operator, is to feel that one is possessed of power allied to that of the magician, an art which if it cannot recall the future can at any rate roll up the curtain of the past, and present it again to view.

Photography is daily being made more easy to practice. The days of the "wet plate" in its accompanying "silver bath" are, as far as outdoor photography is concerned, being rapidly forgotten. The use of bulky cameras, so weighty that they could hardly be carried on a cycle, save the rider were a Hercules, is being left behind. Even the age of the dry plate is giving place more and more to film photography.

The light, portable, easily adjusted, speedily erected, compact, hand or stand camera—capable of giving a brief exposure, or one, if required, of long duration, is coming more and more into the field. The American, the Continental, and English aparatus manufacturers are striving to render the path of the amateur practicer of the art as facile and easy, as far as aparatus is concerned, as can be. Plate makers are worthily backing up the efforts of such firms, and are producing plates of such sensibility to light that even on dull days good pictures are to be secured with very brief exposures. Photographic material is constantly being cheapened, and the result is that the art grows more and more in popularity.

This year, indeed, there is a "boom" in the practice of photography.

That our readers may have the benefit of the experience and help which a successful worker in the photographic field can render them, we have made arrangements with an expert to write a new series of articles under the title of "With Camera and Wheel," "Chats on Photography." Contributions will appear regularly, and he will be glad to give advice to readers through this paper in regard to matters photographic—the choice of cameras, lenses and photographic material, developers, etc.

We also intend to notice specially such novelties in photographic aparatus, printing papers, or other material as may be of use to cyclist photographers, and thus to make our paper of service to those who take an interest in the "Camera and Wheel."

CAMERA CLUB.

President's Address.

Fellow members: Mr. B. C. Smith reports interest lacking in his department. Many of the members evidently do not understand the workings of this department or it would be more liberally patronized. All members

should write Mr. Smith regarding any thing they do not fully understand. It has been decided to call the first annual convention sometime in August. Time and date later on. All members who can attend should write Mr. Brodstone, that he may know how to arrange for accommodations.

Fraternally,
SAMUEL P. HUGHES.

Secretary's Report.

The Camera club will meet after the Nebraska society at the same place. Any camera fiends in the city are cordially invited to attend, and any hints or suggestions will be gladly received.

We have now been running a camera department over a year, longer than any magazine west of Missouri, and work for help of amateurs.

A dollar a day rate is charged for the use of cameras at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition, having free use of dark rooms on the grounds; plates, etc., cost about five cents more than in the city by the dozen. Size 4x5 is the limit allowed, and can use no tripod, and on getting your permit you sign your name to agreement not to sell or enlarge from plates or films taken; so you see you are held.

The Nebraska Photographers' association, for professionals, meets on August 16 to 19 at Omaha, and by attending you will see a grand display of manipulate dry plates and different papers, and you will have instructions under skylight.

Our Camera club numbers close to 200 for amateurs, and we expect to offer several prizes at the meeting.

We give below two toning solutions received from readers, and will be pleased to receive any others as well as hints, or help on camera and use.

When in the city you can call on Omaha dealer, who has ad. in magazine, as he allows the use of dark room free, and sells supplies as cheap as most of them, if not cheaper, and being across from the Paxton hotel is handy and close to all car lines, and it will pay you to fill up on supplies before going to the grounds, and in this way save money.

Shun gaudy mounts as they draw attention from the picture to themselves, just as showy backgrounds weaken portraits.

TONING SOLUTION.

Dissolve 15 grains of gold in 3 oz. of water. For toning I take ½ oz. of this solution to 8 ounces of water. Add 2 or 3 drops of a saturated solution of sodium carbonate. Prints will need to be rather dark and must be toned in very subdued light. Keep prints moving. For fixing I use 8 ounces of water in which I place 2 tablespoonfuls of hypo and 2 or 3 drops of acetic acid. Fix about 5 minutes then wash. Have used with good effect on solio and find it works quick and gives good tones. Perhaps this is new to you; more likely not. F. S. SANBORN.
Cahoes, N. Y.

Directions for making platinum solution, or self-toning paper: Water, 60 oz.; platinum and potassium chloride (platenite), 2½ grains; phosphoric acid, U. S. P., ½ dram. This is the equivalent of a $1.00 bottle.

We would advise any and all readers to send 10c to the Horlick Food Co., Racine, Wis., for a case of malted milk tablets. If 25c is sent for wheelmen's case and flask you get a larger amount. You will find it is the best thing to carry on a cycle trip. Winder used it on his trip around the United States, and leading riders of the country now use it. They have thousands of unsolicited testimonials.

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President's Address.

Fellow members, N. P. S.: As announced last month nominations for officers for the coming year are now in order. The convention will begin the 18th of August this year. Several reasons for placing it early. One is that the Denver boys will be there at that time. Headquarters will be at the Dellone hotel. They have made rates of $1.00, European plan.

There is time yet to send stamps for exhibition. Respectfully,

S. W. HACKER.

Exchange Department.

I have received 132 books for circulation in this department valued at $1,049.88. Several books of good stamps are now in circulation. Members desiring stamps of either U. S., Argentine Republic or match and medicine revenues should notify me, and I will place names on circuit.

S. P. HUGHES.

Secretary's Report.

NEW MEMBERS. 172, Geo. Cooper, Auburn; 173, Merle S. Mather, Aurora; 174, G. E. Burdick, Plattsmouth; 175, L. Forman, Alma; 176, James A. Kennedy, Hastings; 177, C. L. Hoevet, Fairfield.

APPLICATIONS.

178, A. Hedwall, 617 S. 33d street, Omaha; reference L. Brodstone.

179, H. W. Conord, Superior, reference Lewis Brodstone.

180, W. C. Estes, 9th and Harney Sts., Omaha; reference, L. Brodstone.

181, C. Hahn, Superior; reference W. C. Estes.

182, Nels T. Thorsen, 706 S. 16th St., Omaha. Reference, W. C. Estes.

183, A. Armstrong, 623 S. 16th street. Omaha; reference W. C. Estes.

184, Walter E. Lindquist, 823 S. 22d street. Reference S. Morteson.

185, P. W. Evans, cor. 14th and Farnam. Reference L. Brodstone.

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Trustees—Smith, Green Bros., Beaver City; Hendricks, Mortenson, Rothery, Omaha.

If you have any other names you wish to nominate you can place them on the ballot, and if dues are not paid to September, 1898, send same with ballot. All membership cards have date dues become due endorsed on them.

If you cannot attend meeting please write proxy on back of ballot.

Bring your friends with you to the convention, no matter if he or she is not a collector, it may induce them to start; and all are cordially invited to attend. We expect a large number of collectors from outside of the state, and hope to make the Trans-Mississippi society go. Denver collectors and some from Washington to Texas write that they expect to attend.

We have two priced hotels on European plan advertised who offer a low rate. You can call on both and see which you prefer. Will have photo taken of all present at the meeting. Bring as many of your friends as possible

Let each member try and attend as it will pay them to meet each other and learn more regarding stamps, and you can exchange your duplicates and increase your collection.

Hoping to meet you all, I am, respectfully, LEWIS BRODSTONE.

U. S. ENVELOPES.

Entires are more popular than cut square envelopes with most collectors. Still the cut squares are collected, and most of them are not to be despised. It would add considerable to the appearance of a collection of cut envelopes if they were all cut exactly the same size. This result can only be obtained by all collectors adopting certain sizes. S. B. Hopkins suggests the sizes of the spaces in the 1897 international album. We give them below, horizontal measurements first:

1853, 25x39 mm.

1857-61, 28x34 mm. for single and 52x34 mm for compound.

1861, 33x34 mm. for 3c and 6c, and 39x34 mm. for high values..

1863, 33x32 mm.

1864, 37x34 mm. for 2c, 35x36 mm. for 3c and 6c, and 37x36 mm. for high values.

1870 to date (except those specially noted), 35x39 mm.

Centennial, 44x47 mm.

Columbian, 54x54 mm.

Postal service, 40x36 mm.

It is always interesting to look over common stamps for rarities. The following description of the 2-cent, 1887, die A, may help you in this direction. It is taken from one of Wolsieffer's specialties:

The most noticeable feature is the head, which is tipped back, causing the eye to look at an angle of 45 degrees instead of straight ahead. The toe point of the neck points between the third and fourth tooth from the bottom of the inside serrated border in the die A and between the second and third tooth in die B.

The G in POSTAGE is made like a "c," the crossbar being left off.

The "stars" at the sides between the upper and lower inscriptions are larger and more nearly round than in the common die.

The T in UNITED in die A is over the depression between two points of the inside serrated border, while in die B the T is directly over a point.

The letters are taller and finer lined.

Comparing the letter S found in the two dies there is a decided difference.

Last but not least there are 72 notches in the outside serrated border of die A and but 67 in die B.

As this die has been found on only two sizes, three and five. it is sufficient proof that the die was in use but a very short time. The head being out of plumb and imperfect G was sufficient cause for the rejection of the die.

Beginning July 1st a new government year comes in, and with it a new stamp contract. Will there be a change?

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THE OMAHA STAMPS.

They are out at last. The colors, frames, and pictures are even better than the Columbians. Now it is time to stop talking about what the S. S. S. will do. What we want to do is to tell everybody all about them and start as many new collectors as possible. The stamps are printed in sheets of 100, and furnished to postmasters in sheets of 50. Imprints are at the top and bottom occupying the space of two stamps. A guide line divides the sheet into two panes of 25 stamps.

PLATE VARIETIES.

The English papers are discussing the question of collecting minor varieties of impression that exist in the same sheet, there being several degrees of such varieties. The most noticeable occur when the printing is done from the die, or cut, that is actually engraved (or drawn in the case of lithographed stamps), necessitating a separate engraving for each stamp in the sheet. Less noticeable differences result when the major portion of the design is rolled into the plate from a single die. The parts put on the plate separate are usually the values. In the case of the early English stamps the corner letters are made with punches, each stamp in the sheet therefore being different. With these of course a different letter is used for each stamp. The object of punching values on the plate is that it requries but one design die for all values of the issue. Such stamps generally differ but slightly.

The idea of collecting these varieties can, of course, be carried to an extreme. No two stamps were ever produced exactly alike. The line must be drawn somewhere.

The great thing about this class of stamps is that it is possible to plate them. The collecting of varieties existing in the same sheet leads in the direction of determining their relation to each other in the sheet. The next step is reconstructing a sheet. Unless one wishes to do this we do not think it logical to collect plate varieties.

REVENUE STAMPS.

Although it has not been much talked of, we think that the new revenue stamps mean more for philately in this country than any other issue we ever had not excepting the Columbians and Omahas. There are to be so many types, such large quantities will be used, and everybody will be interested in the novelty of them. They will, no doubt, give revenue collecting a push. Though we do not think there are grounds for all the kicks, yet the present state of postage stamp collecting is not satisfactory to lots of enthusiastic collectors. The revenue field now opens up brightly for such people.

The Canadian correspondent of the *Herald Exchange* refers to the Trans-

Mississippi Exposition as a "turnip show." Of course it is only a turnip show, but Nebraska "turnip shows" beat anything that ever came off in Canada.

We have noted a number of slurs on U. S. stamps in the daily press lately. An examination will convince anybody that our stamps, past or present, will compare favorably with those of any other country.

It may not be necessary to collect any dues in philatelic societies in the future. The sale of the 10-cent stamps that will grace the proxies ought to provide running expenses.

BY BUSINESS MANAGER.

We have troubles of our own—with the paper being delayed by printers in Superior, who cannot be depended on. The best and most satisfactory printer we have ever had here enlisted and is now with the United States army in the Phillipines. I tried his successor but found him unreliable, getting out each number late. In addition to being slow he was unfortunate, breaking his press at a most inopportune time for the PHILATELIC WEST. Other mishaps caused exasperating delays, which necessitated my sending the paper away from Superior to be printed. Hereafter the mechanical work will be done by Frank Brown of Omaha, who I believe will attend to it properly. We certainly hope so, at least, and expect to issue the numbers after August on time.

Advertising must pay in the PHILATELIC WEST, for I find that all so far have came back the second time, and most of them have engaged space for the balance of the year, as our cash rates cannot be beat for returns. It will pay any advertiser to send for them.

A copy of the PHILATELIC WEST is sent to each name registered at the stamp exhibit at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition. By this means we reach collectors no other stamp paper goes to, opening a new field of several hundred names the first month. There are only two dozen on the list that I have heard of, so you may know they are good ones to reach. A large number give size of collection and specialty. I noticed the name of Otto Kammer, 8 Ludwig street, Giessen, Germany, as the one coming the greatest distance. The names registered would fill a book the size of the PHILATELIC WEST, every part of the country being represented —north, south, east and west.

We illustrate the government building, in which there is a fine exhibit of stamps from all countries. The U. S. are complete, the late issues being in entire sheets. Do not fail to look it up. It is in the west end of the building.

One-cent, 2-cent, 5-cent and 10-cent Columbian envelopes can be had at Washington, D. C., postoffice yet, as well as 4-cent, 6-cent, 10-cent, 15-cent, 30-cent and 50-cent and $3, $4 and $5 Columbian stamps, so Houston writes me.

Any one writing me will please use Omaha stamps, 1c denomination preferred, and I will do so in return. If you put plate number on, will also return the compliment

The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*, speaking of the stamp exhibits of the world, names only one for the United States, that being the one at San Antonio. What is the matter with the A. P. A. exhibit at Chicago during the World's Fair? I venture to say it was viewed by more collectors than any other exhibit covering the same period of time, and it would have had more visitors had it been on the first floor. And, next, there is the exhibit of the San Francisco collectors at the exposition there, as well as a number of exhibits at New

York and other cities of the United States and Canada. The stamp papers of the United States outnumber the rest of the world, so we must have the largest number of collectors.

Este reports that at the sale of Omaha stamps on the first day there was an awful crush all day that kept three clerks busy. The supply of 2-cent stamps is already exhausted.

Denver collectors expect to be at Omaha the week of August 15th to 20th. The 15th is Wheelmen's day, when all cyclists are allowed to take their wheels into the grounds and special rates are made on the Midway and at other attractions. So it will pay you to bring your wheel along.

U. S. stamps used with Hawaiin stamps have been seen on envelopes in the state.

One of our subscribers, J. A. Cook of Waterloo, Ia., reports the death of W. F. Burdick by drowning. He was 18 years of age and a very enthusiastic collector, being especially interested in U. S.

Mrs. C. O. Jensen writes me that her husband, who went to Risor, Norway, died at that place March 10th. They had one child. Mrs. Jensen is at 1423 Lincoln street, Racine, Wis., and has her husband's stock (Viking Stamp Co.) for sale cheap. Write her or me for a selection.

Our friend, Geo. A. Miller of Cotati, Cal., passed away May 30th, leaving a wife and four children. We extend our sympathies to the bereaved.

Friend P. D. Staunard of Pittsburg, Pa., has had bad luck, having lost his wheel from in front of the postoffice at Chicago while he was getting his mail. A number of stamps, a cycle suit, etc., were in a bundle strapped to it. Among the stamps were most values of the 1869 issue, departments and choice envelopes, one being 2-cent green, error, 1887, on manilla amber paper. The wheel was a Pacific, made at Kenosha, Wis., and numbered 23839. His address may be obtained from our advertising columns.

Our friend Barnum of Cleveland, O., writes that he will be at the L. A. W. meet at Indianapolis. He may be found at the Hotel English and wishes to meet any collectors there. Why not have a stamp meeting?

Our friend Egan of Indianapolis, who has an ad. for Omahas in the PHILATELIC WEST, has became a benedict. Here is the way he did it:

A NOVEL INNOVATION.

A white bridal coach, drawn by two white horses, was the rather startling innovation introduced at the wedding of Benjamin Egan and Miss Mary Forrester, Wednesday morning, at St. John's church. The coach was painted in white enamel outside and upholstered in white inside. The bride and her maid of honor wore white gowns, and the only colored thing about the turnout were the black clothes of the groom and his best man. The groom is the owner of several hacks, and the white one was gotten up specially for the occasion.

The stamp exhibit is growing each month and now numbers thirty-one frames and several more will go in before the month is out. In the list given in *Mekeel's Weekly* are a number of mistakes and it does not give all the exhibitors; being gotten up in a hurry several errors were made.

Have you any unused Omaha stamps from 4-cent up? I will allow one-third face for all sent me on subscription, or I will give half face value in stamps of U. S. and foreign countries at catalogue prices, or will pay cash—more than dealers have offered—if all are of good, clean specimens.

Postmarking stamps in the form of a hammer are the latest result of the movement for plainer postmarks. They do better work and are much easier to use than the old form.

PICKINGS.

Plate No. 485 of the current 2-cent red is found with inverted watermark. No. 536 of the 1-cent green seems rather hard to find. On an average this number may be found in the proportion of one to one hundred of the other numbers.

The cent values of the New Brunswick stamps were engraved and printed by the American Bank Note Co. of New York. Part of the Canadian revenues are also the product of this company, especially the second issue.

During the latter part of last December the Postal Telegraph Co. ran out of stamps and were obliged to reprint the 1897 type. The stamp was printed in orange, and as it was in use but one week it is bound to be very scarce.

The first sheet of Trans-Mississippi stamps printed for the occasion are on exhibition in the government building. Colonel Seebeck and the Vasdo de Gama issue must now take a back seat, as these are truly the most beautiful stamps the world has ever seen.

Regarding new issues we are informed that Hayti has an entirely new set, and a surcharge. The overprint is on the 20-cent orange. The number printed of each value is as follows: 1-cent blue, 20,000; 1-cent rose, 500,000; 3-cent, 20,000; 5-cent; 440,000; 7-cent, 10,000; 20-cent, 10,000. Chili is also reported as having issued a new set of due stamps, consisting of six values: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 20 centavos, all of the same design and printed in red.

Those Canadian croakers who furnish some of the U. S. papers with their little items of local matters, must needs have something to croak over, and the Omaha stamps furnish the material. Some people can carry a thing too far, and make us tired. It is safe to say that not one of these aspiring writers will ever visit the Exposition, and know anything whatever of its greatness. Most of the buildings are as large, and in every respect as fine, as those of the World's Fair, and the buildings in general cover much more ground. The stamp exhibit is very large and one of the finest ever seen in America.

In a recent number of the *Youth's Realm* note is made of a 4-cent stamp split and used as a 2-cent stamp to prepay the postage on a letter. The writer recently sent a French postal through the mails without the payment of postage due. Such things should be considered only as oddities and due to the carelessness of postal officials. ADAM SOLLARD.

A PICTURE

Visiting the Fine Arts building at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition, Omaha, Neb., one will find in the rotunda of the eastern wing a painting by Haberle of New Haven, Conn., representing a bachelor's collection.

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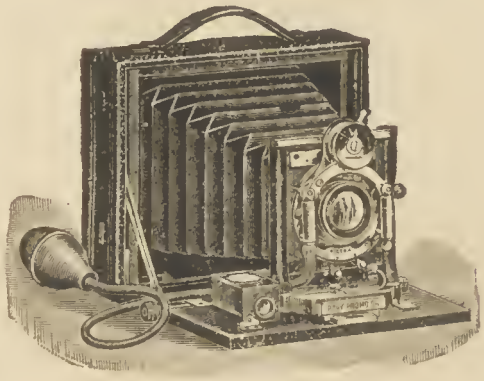
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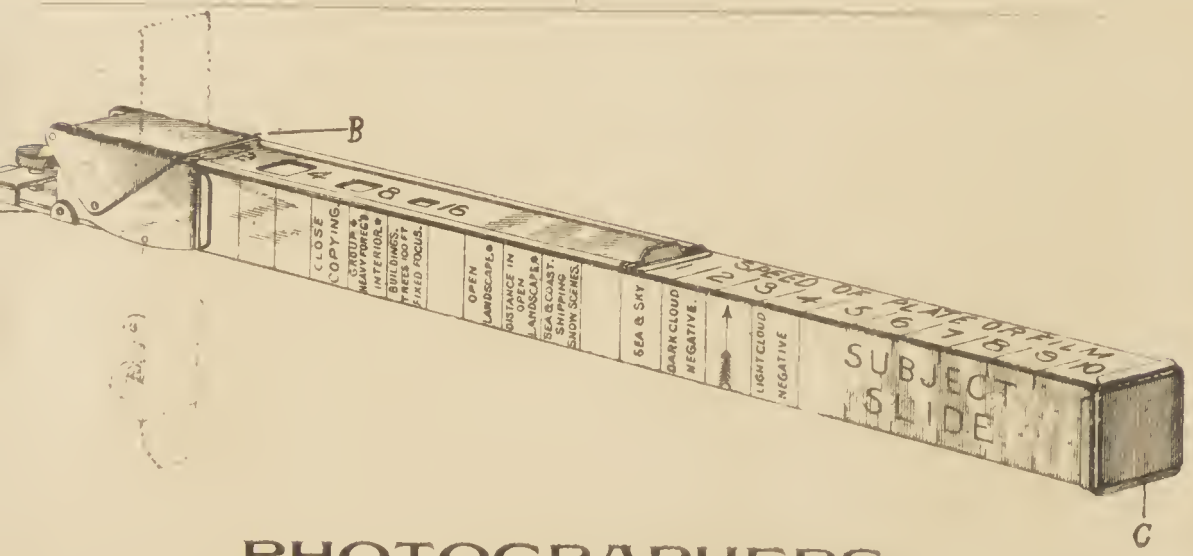
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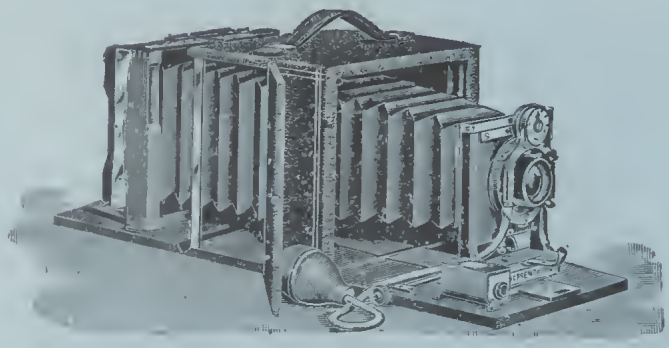
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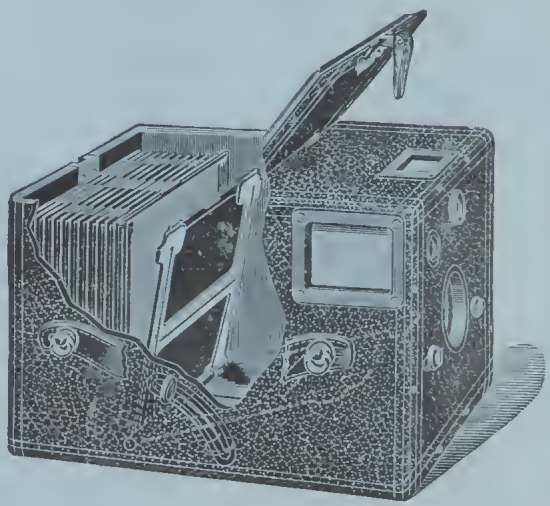
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How Shall We Keep the Young People Interested in Philately?

BY R. L. PAYNE.

IT IS a fact that our young people are not showing the interest they once did in philately, and a marked difference, I notice, even during the last year, and as we look for a continuance of our interesting hobby from the young people, it is a matter worth considering. If school teachers encouraged the pursuit instead of thinking it a folly (as most do) and would consider it one means of education, which it certainly is, the interest in stamps would gain largely and a market for the cheaper stamps would be maintained. The knowledge of history, geography and other things gained by the study and collecting of stamps should appeal to the good sense of our educators, and I firmly believe if they were aware of this they would encourage it in every way and do much to promote it. A well written leaflet printed for general distribution and circulated by adult members in our public schools might accomplish in a measure the object in question, and I would like to get the opinion of other readers of the magazine on the best way to accomplish this end.

Many people who at any rate tolerate the collection of bric-a-brac, old china or coins, look upon the stamp man as the worst kind of crank, and I am quite used to the pitying look given me by many if I speak interestedly of stamps, but I still maintain our hobby is the best of all.

If our young people could see what beautiful works of art could be bought cheaply, and be induced to confine themselves to certain divisions, I believe a new departure would be inaugurated. There should be stamp agencies in every town, large or small, where stamps could be seen, and marked at fair prices, cheap catalogues, hinges, samples of good

papers, albums, etc., kept on hand, and this would certainly bring out the desire to collect.

I speak from experience when I say that certain dealers have greatly hurt the sale of stamps by advertising a lot of trash for little money, and the boys have found their money really wasted, and have in many cases given up discouraged. It would have paid these dealers to have burnt all the badly defaced, torn and dirty stamps they sent out. Reprints should always be marked as such, and it is dishonest to send out forgeries and speculative stamps and take in young people who buy them in good faith. We must be honest, and the dealer who acts otherwise should be vigorously sat down on every time for our mutual good. We cry out and are very ready to expose frauds when they affect us adults, but the dealer that cheats the young people is not mentioned. Give our young friends fair play and there will be no slump in the sale of stamps. Small dealers, small every way, have done much to injure the trade, and we should expose any such and stop proceedings that are not straight, and the better class of dealers, who do a legitimate and honest business, would have a better trade.

I would like others to write in the magazine and give their views, whether for or against mine.

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Eight million 1-cent and two million 2-cent stamps were surcharged I. R.

The *Boston Stamp Book* says that the 30-cent of 1851-6 was printed (and sold to the public) in black.

Second, third and fourth class matter is not now forwarded or returned to writer unless additional postage is prepaid. This lessens considerably the the use of postage due stamps.

DO YOU KNOW?

That the Treasury department has an official order out that reads like this: "All requisitions for Trans-Mississippi stamps have been canceled. * * * All future requisitions of same will be held indefinitely." This evidently is caused by rush on printing of revenues. As the Omahas were to be on sale till December 31st only, there may be a big scramble for this issue.

That the small postal card, John Adams' head, so far in the west has only been found at St. Paul, Minn.

That the 1-cent green and 2-cent carmine, surcharged I. R., are found inverted, sideways, half and half and any other old way.

That the 1-cent green, 2-cent carmine, and ¼-cent proprietary are reported found on laid paper.

That $5.00 is offered for plate number from bottom of sheet on small surcharged I. R., 1-cent green.

That some of our war tax stamps are changing colors with the rapidity of a kaleidoscope. Revise your list as follows: ½c document, orange, slate; 1¼c proprietary, lavender, light purple, dark purple.

That the $5.00 surcharged periodical is a very scarce stamp, as only a small number were issued. Most offices now have the regular issues.

That the 3c orange, 1893 issue, Argentine, is now obsolete, not being in use, and no copies were held.

That the 5c vermilion, 1868 issue, Argentine, and the 2½ pence pale green, 1891 issue, Cape of Good Hope, are catalogued four cents and two cents used, respectively, when they

should be 75 cents and 25 cents. I found both out to my sorrow although Scott's fifty-eighth gives right prices in the "Errata."

That Canada and the United States, evidently tired of taking the back seat on new issues, are now running each other a race for first place, if the issues for the past twelve months are any criterion to go by.

That the annual meeting of the Nebraska Philatelic Society was a very pleasant affair, and the contribution started by our friend from St. Joe for the "Widows and Orphans" should be continued at each meeting, and be entered in our by-laws as one of our most prominent rules. NEBRASKA.

The meeting of the Nebraska Philatelic Society in Omaha was a success, and the writer found himself with as jolly a lot of fellows as he has met with for some time. He knew Brody of old, but he then became acquainted with S. P. Hughes, a whole-souled fellow, whom to know is to like. Beardsley is another splendid fellow to meet.

The stamps shown were a fine lot, and lots of fun was had in auctioning off some, but Hughes is out of his line as auctioneer. New officers were chosen for the year, and a very happy selection was made for president in Mr. Rothery, who is a thorough gentleman in every respect, and will make a No. 1 president. Few other changes made, as the former officers were so well fitted that no change was necessary.

Every member should attend the annual meeting, and if they did would enjoy themselves as well as did

R. L. PAYNE.

It is said that the Hawaiian officials have been sold to dealers.

BOILED DOWN.

Original and Otherwise.

A collection of 2,000 varieties including many valuable European, was destroyed on the Vizcaya. It was the property of Midshipman Morris.

A counterfeit of the 1sh green, Great Britain, plate 5, watermarked spray of rose, is chronicled in *Mekeel's*. The bad ones are without the watermark. This and the 1d black are the only English stamps that have been counterfeited.

The same paper mentions what is evidently a private surcharge. It reads "I. R. Dr. K. & Co. Binghamton N. Y. 7-12-'98." It is found on the 2-cent and 3-cent postage. It probably would not be sanctioned by the government.

Postmasters have been directed to return their unused newspaper and periodical stamps to Washington.

The new Canadians are out. Numerals instead of maple leaves in the lower corners.

Hundreds of revenue stamps slip through as postage stamps and some postage are used as revenues.

Regular United States stamps will be used in our new possessions. Commissions are being sent out to examine the postal systems and United States offices will be established as fast as possible.

Postal communications have been resumed with the kingdom of Spain. Regular foreign rates are still charged on civilian mail for Cuba, Puerto Rico, and the Philippines. Soldiers' letters are forwarded at domestic rates, as are letters for the Hawaiian Islands.

Private mailing cards can now be

transmitted in the domestic mails for one cent under the following conditions: They are not to be larger than H card nor smaller than the present K card. The paper must be white, cream, light gray or light buff and substantially the same quality as the government cards. On the address side the cards must bear the words in print, "Private Mailing Card—Authorized by Act of Congress of May 19, 1898." When prepared for general sale to the public they should also bear in the upper right corner the words, "Place one cent stamp here," and in the lower left corner, "This side is exclusively for the address." These cards are not mailable to foreign countries, except at foreign letter rates.

A certain printer in Toronto has suddenly turned very patriotic. Instead of printing a picture card requiring 2-cent postage this patriotic fellow uses a 1-cent postal card, and covers the entire left half with his patriotism. Columbia and Britannia are seated side by side beneath the British flag and Old Glory tied together with a bow of ribbon, with the words "Anglo-Saxon Alliance" in curved line between the folds of the two flags. Britannia has her left hand resting on the head of the lion while the background shows several battleships. Columbia has the usual olive branch and great American eagle by her side. From the scared looks of the British lion, "Old Abe" has just let off one of his American screeches as a welcome to the king of beasts. The designer evidently never saw "Old Glory," as he has given us but 15 stripes and 35 stars. However, as his intentions are all right we'll overlook the slight mistake. The card is beautifully lithographed in colors and highly prized by those lucky enough to get one.

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The officers named above received the highest number of votes at the election.

President's Address.

Fellow Members of the N. P. S. As your president I now address you for the first time. First let me thank you for this honor, and hope that my term shall prove favorable to you and to the society.

The past year has shown a great increase in membership, as we now have 185 members. Let every member try to get a new member and we will try for the 300 mark. To the member securing the most new members before our next convention I will give an unused U. S. stamp, catalogued at $6 or over.

The Omaha *World-Herald* printed a report of our convention about which I have received several inquiries, asking for particulars, cost, etc., of the N. P. S.

To the members I met at the convention I wish to express my pleasure at meeting, and I hope to meet the rest of you next year. Respectfully,

F. W. ROTHERY, President.

Vice-President.

To Members N. P. S. I wish to express my thanks for the honor you have conferred upon me by electing me vice-president of the society. I am sure I will do what I can to promote the welfare of the society.

Respectfully,

FRANK E. SWANSON.

Secretary's Report.

NEW MEMBERS.—178, A. Hedwall; 179, H. W. Conord; 180, W. C. Estes; 181, C. Hahn; 182, Nels T. Thorsen; 183, J. L. Armstrong; 184, Walter E. Lindquist; 185, P. W. Evans.

APPLICATIONS.

186. A. M. Hendee, 1132 H St., Lincoln; reference, W. C. Estes.

187. John Benson, 715 South Ninth St., Omaha; reference, A. Hedwall.

188. R. Wilson, 3020 Cass Street, Omaha; reference, S. Mortenson.

189. Ross Retzer, David City; reference, I. S. Retzer.

190. August C. Greenhagen, Station B, Omaha; reference, S. Mortenson.

191. Otto H. Shurman, Fremont; reference, D. Doolittle.

The above named applicants will be admitted if no objections are received within ten days.

READMITTED.

36. W. B. Hopson, 2918 Farnam St., Omaha.

107. C. Ruther, Sturgis, S. Dak.

131. J. N. Dye, 205 South Thirty-Sixth St., Omaha.

The seventh annual convention was held at the Hotel Dellone in Omaha. The meeting was called to order by Frank Brown, acting as chairman, in the absence of the president and vice-president. The attendance was not up to expectations, reduced railroad rates not being obtained.

The following committees were appointed by the chairman:

Credentials—Dye, Estes and Hughes.

Auditing Committee—Payne, Thorsen and Hedwall.

Exchange Department—Brodstone, Mortenson and Payne.

Library—Estes, Armstrong and Doolittle.

Official Organ—Hughes, Lindquist and Rothery.

During a recess an auction sale of stamps for the B. fund was held, Beardsley of St. Joe putting up a Brattleboro on cover, which was sold to Mortenson. A complete set of Newspaper stamps and other rare ones were also sold.

The first meeting closed about 1:00 a. m.

The second meeting was held at Mortenson's, where the result of the election and the various reports were heard.

A photo was taken across the park of the members present.

The convention had more visiting collectors from outside of the state than any so far held.

The ballots were delayed by the paper, and were sent out only two days before election, which resulted in a light vote.

We expect to hold a meeting in October for the benefit of any collectors who may be in the city of Omaha and you should plan to be there and meet your brother collectors. Date will be given in next number.

The new exchange superintendent has his department going, and if any of you have stamps you wish to sell or exchange through the department send them in. It is one the cheapest places to buy. Write him for rules and be placed on circuit.

W. B. Hopson will revise and issue the Nebraska Philatelic Blue. It will be corrected up to date, and he wishes

the name of every collector in Nebraska. If there are any mistakes in the old book let him know. He will send you one of the old books for a 2c stamp to pay postage.

If you wish a blank album write to R. L. Payne of Schuyler, as he gets out the neatest book I have ever seen, all being done by hand, and so fixed that none of the stamps touch each other. It is fine.

We desire the collectors of Nebraska to join with us, and make the N. P. S. the leader of all.

Every collector in the state is desired to become a member of the society. Application blanks may be had of the secretary or any of the officers.

My report of society finances will be in next number.

Our society now has more members than any other society west of the river, and hope to see it reach 200 by next month.

Members, why not write something for THE PHILATELIC WEST? It will cost you nothing to try. You do not know what you can do until you make the effort. Write a history of your collection, or anything else about stamps. It may help some of the readers. L. T. BRODSTONE.

Exchange Department.

Final report of Samuel P. Hughes: Books received, 132; valued at $1,049.88. Number retired, 121; valued at $948.16. Eleven books still in the department, valued at $101.72. Number of unpaid accounts, five. Eight members still owe the department; amount, $27.08.

To the Officers and Members, N. P. S., Greeting. It gives me a great deal of pleasure to be able to address you with the title of exchange superintendent of the N. P. S., and I assure you I shall devote enough time and attention to make it a success, as far as it lies in my power to do so; but I cannot make it a success alone; hence, I ask your hearty co-operation.

I hope all members will take advantage of the opportunities offered by this medium of buying and selling stamps. We will strive to make this a banner year in the annals of our society—educational, social and financial.

I hope and trust that all members will send in some "trash" for the circuits, as all persons are liable to accumulate duplicates. What better way have you of disposing of them? Why not clear away your duplicates and get others?

At any time you are at liberty to address communications of inquiry relative to my office, and they will be cheerfully answered. Send in requests for stamps; let us become better acquainted. I think it will be a mutual pleasure.

Hoping to hear from all members of the society, and wishing you unbounded success in the progress of your collections, I remain,

Yours for the N. P. S.,
ROLLIE NEUMANN.

Counterfeit Detector.

During the year a great many counterfeits were examined in this department, and in several cases extended reports were sent in.

That numbers of Confederate locals are counterfeited can be seen from the collection exhibited at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition. These are so rank that they would be looked upon with suspicion by the most youthful collector. It would be interesting to know the location of factory engaged in manufacturing these and the specimens of British colonials also so common. Perhaps some of our state collectors could give some information on the subject.

The counterfeit collection has not

increased very rapidly this year, members evidently forgetting the department. I received from L. T. Brodstone a collection of Columbians, 1-cent to $5, made in Germany; also, set of Newspaper stamps. These will be on exhibition this month, if possible.

Any member who has sent stamps to me for examination and has not yet received reply would oblige greatly if he would write again and jog the memory of Yours truly,

E. W. FITT.

Librarian.

NOTICE.—Would be pleased to be placed on any publishers' lists for their papers. Any donations of either books or papers of a philatelic nature will be very acceptable to the society. Will exchange duplicates for papers not on our list. W. C. ESTES.

Auction Department.

Fellow Members, N. P. S.—Permit me to thank you for the honor conferred in electing me your auction manager. It is intended to hold sales each month. The first sale will be October 10th. Send in your stamps. Returns guaranteed within twelve days after sale. S. P. HUGHES.

Purchasing Agent.

To N. P. S. Members.—I take pleasure in thanking you for the honor conferred upon me, and the confidence displayed, in electing me to this office.

I shall do all within my power to serve you, and to make this department a success.

Trusting that I may be of service to you, and that our beloved society may ever be in the lead of all state societies, I am, Yours fraternally,

JAS. A. KENNEDY.

Attorney's Report.

I desire to report that either owing to the temperature of the weather or some other unaccountable source, the attorney for the N. P. S. has had all he could do, keeping cool and drinking ice cream soda, etc., so that the duties of the office have been sadly neglected of late.

I desire to thank the members for the kindness they have shown me in re-election, and I wish that this part of the society would be more patronized. As it is, there has been but one or two members that have sent in any thing, and I must confess that I got rather tired at the way some of the claims hang fire. I hope, however, to be able to do something for them, and have some good promises.

Trusting that this department will have better patronage in the future, I am, thanking you,

H. A. CHENEY.

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P. S. OF A. OFFICERS.

The Philatelic Sons of America met in their sixth annual convention at the Grand Union hotel in New York City on August 26th. The morning session was devoted to the election of officers. The result of the election was as follows: President, D E. Hazen, Thonotosassa, Fla.; vice-president, Joseph S. Davis, Denver, Colo.; secretary, C. W. Kissinger, Reading, Pa.; treasurer, B. J. Bishop, Detroit, Mich; international secretary, L. H. Gafford, Churchill, Md.; Canadian vice-president, F. G. Garraty, Richmond, Que.; exchange superintendent, F. D. Sawyer, Otisfield Gore, Me.

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Hints for Camera Users.

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By using a cloth on your prints on the ferrotype, instead of a blotter, you can keep your prints from rolling about or getting torn.

Hypo in the wrong place causes many of the minor faults. Enough can be carried under your finger nails to spoil a dozen prints.

One of the best ways to develop a roll of films, especially pocket size, is to use a tray or dish large enough to develop it all at once; by using wooden clips for each end you can pass the entire roll back and forth until development is complete; hold like a skipping rope, film side up.

Self-toning paper is taking the lead throughout Nebraska. Use it once and you will use no other. It is easily understood and there are no toning solutions to bother with. Send to H. Bauer for sample of the paper.

Hints on Development

If the developer does not work clear, add a few drops of a 10 per cent bromide of potassium solution.

During the hot season the developer must be used more diluted and cold (by placing on ice cold water), while during the cold season it should be stronger and moderately warm, about 70 degrees Fahrenheit.

Developer, which is too strongly alkaline or too warm, produces stain and fog.

An under-timed plate should be treated with a fresh diluted developer, and if sufficient detail does not appear, take the plate from the developer, and, without rinsing, place it in a tray containing water, to which a little of the alkaline solution (sulphite and carbonate of soda) has been added, and leave it there as long as it increases in detail. If it is not then strong enough, the development may be continued in fresh developer.

As soon as over-exposure is noticed in developing, check it immediately by plentiful washing, and then finish with the bromo-hydrochinon developer.

Glace Finish.

From Recreation: I am frequently asked how I get such an even polish on my unmounted photographs. When I say I squeeze, on ferro-type plates, the questioners say, "Mine always stick." In reply to this I say: After prints are taken from the final washing allow them to dry thoroughly; then soak for a few minutes until they are limp; place on a clean ferrotype plate, cover with a blotter and roll well with a print mounter. Result: No sticking and an even gloss which cannot be obtained by rubbing with the hand.

The reason the prints stick when placed directly on the ferrotype, from the final washing, is that the gelatine is swelled too much and acts as a glue, which is not the case when first allowed to dry. Try it and see the result.

Choice of Photographic Apparatus.

There is such an abundance of material offered to the would-be photographer at the present time, and the various types of cameras, lenses, etc., form such a bewildering variety that a few hints on the choice of apparatus should be valuable to the photographer who contemplates making some change in his present outfit.

It may be taken as an axiom that the better the workmanship in the camera the larger the price will have

NOTES.

The 5kr. unpaid letter stamp of Bavaria, exists imperforate with silk threads in the paper.

The 1869 issue of Antioquia may be found on two varieties of paper, thin and thick.

A copy of the 3d, 1860, Natal, is known imperforate vertically and perforated horizontally.

The Spanish stamps with bar cancellation were obliterated thus when sold as remainders.

The £5 South African Republic stamp is used to prepay postage on gold dust sent through the mails, this being recognized as the safest and best way to send it.

It is not gererally known that the punched specimens of Western Australia, which are occasionally met with, are really officially used stamps, and were so punched that they might indicate "no revenue" to the postal department; but such is the fact. Their use was authorized in July, 1861.

F. S. SANBORN.

LETTER-CARRIERS IN CHINA.

At the last convention at the World's Fair, at Chicago, China was admitted to the Postal Union. As China is not much in favor of railways postal affairs are in quite a primitive state; however, many achievements are wrought. Letters and parcels of value are under the responsibility of the state. We find even postal institutions, or postoffices, scattered through the country. Between these postoffices mail carriers are always on the go. A mail carrier must be a strong, fearless personality. They must carry on their backs a weight of forty kilograms. As soon as a mail carrier has reached his end station he unloads his mail bag, and a waiting companion, after the mail is assorted, takes the bag and hurries to the next station. The arrived carrier or some one else returns at once.

In this manner a continued postal service is given all the same, whether it is good or bad weather, day or night.

The labors of our carriers are also tedious, for instance going up and down stairs, but the Chinese carrier has more difficult performances. Above all he must be strong. Sometimes he must make his whole trip on a trot, because their time is limited. They have the peculiarity that they seldom eat a full meal, they holding it detrimental to the calling, but only enough to quiet the hunger.

As a rule the Chinaman fears the night, because he believes then the bad spirits prevail. The mail carrier must not have fear; he must, without stopping, run through woods and lonely places, over hill and dale, and will be severely punished if he comes too late. All in all it is no easy task to be a mail carrier in China. H. W.

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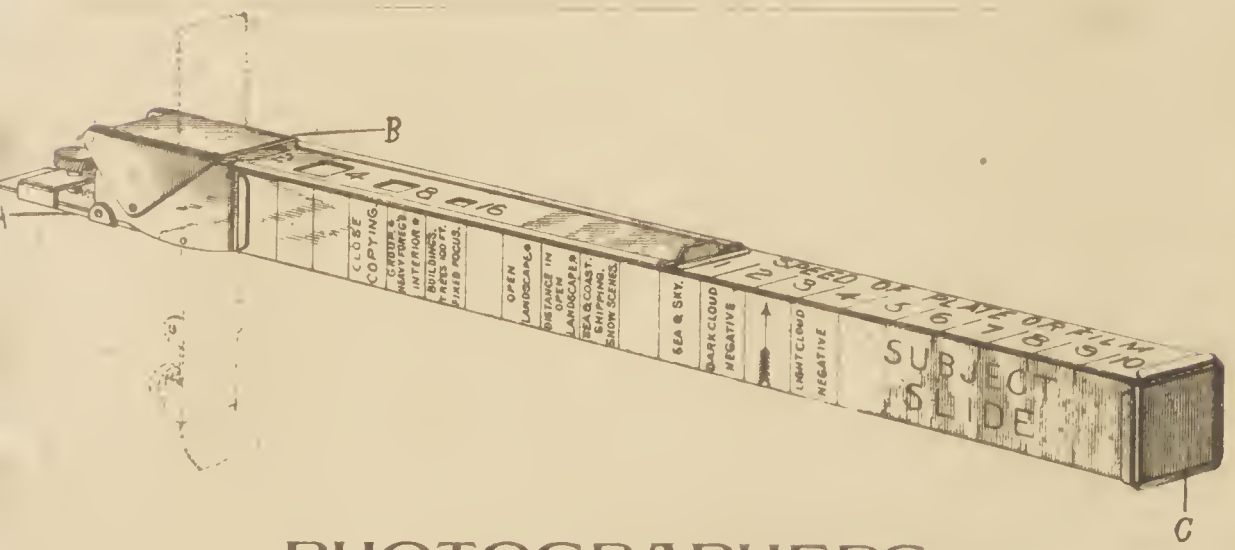
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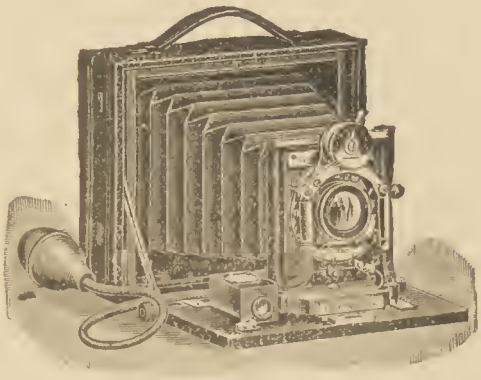
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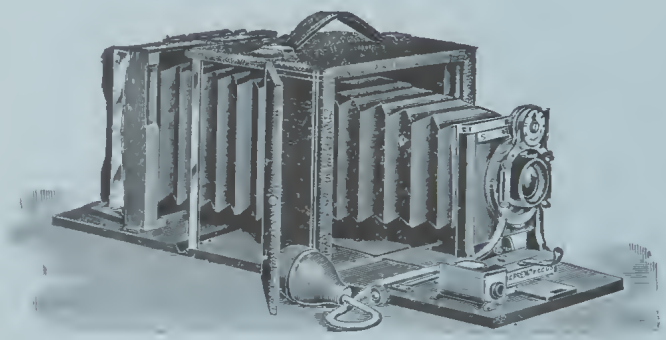
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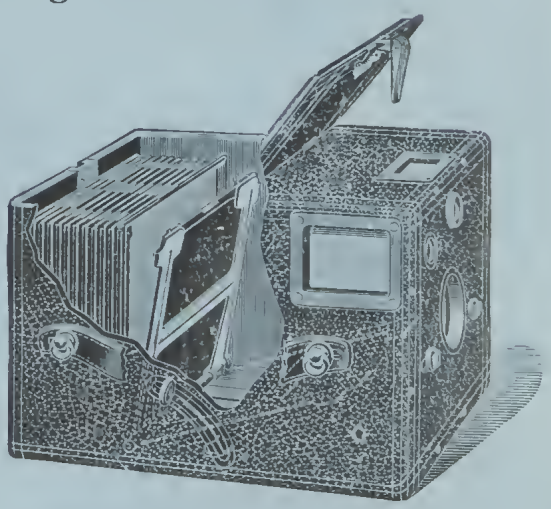
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HISTORY OF THE STAMPS OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN.

BY REV. H. WENDT.

EVERY collective object has an instructive side. Those, however, for whom collecting means "carry together" cannot find anything tasteful or instructive in even the most interesting species. Collecting of objects is considered by many as play. Certainly, as it seems, the great majority are filled by the collector's impetus or impulse, combined with the desire to speculate. This state of affairs harms philatelia. Now, the wrong usage does not do away with the right usage of objects. So without doubt stamps are instruments through which one is lead to think and read about in the histories of the respective stamp issuing countries.

Please look for instance at the Schleswig-Holstein stamps in our fifty-eighth catalogue. There we find only two stamps in use from 1850, but in the years 1864-65 we find a great variety of issues and inscriptions. That is puzzling. All those stamps relate to an important chapter of modern history of the above countries and those connected with the same. The stamps even directly invite one to become familiar with the history of the countries.

In Volume VII., No. 1, of this paper, we learned the history of the 1-shilling and 2-shilling of 1850. In 1864 appeared a $1\frac{1}{4}$-shilling curant, or 4-shilling coin of empire, and soon after a $1\frac{1}{4}$-shilling curant (c. r. t.) or $1\frac{1}{3}$-shilling legal coin. However, the somewhat later stamps of Schleswig have the values 4-shilling and $1\frac{1}{4}$-shilling. The year 1865 brought stamps of various values for Schleswig-Holstein, for Schleswig exclusively, and also for Holstein exclusively, mostly all valid and current, until the last part of the year 1866.

This state of affairs causes a philatelist, who studies his stamps, to think

and ask, "How is that?" What historical ground is there for such a mixture, etc.? Those issues of stamps are only a product of historical evolutions in said countries.

In No. 1, we saw that Denmark had taken possession of Schleswig-Holstein in 1850, and these stamps were withdrawn. November 15, 1863, King Frederick VII of Denmark died. As he had no son, Christian IX became the successor, but the fact that Christian was not the son of Frederick VII gave Schleswig-Holstein their independence. In the Wiener peace declarations Denmark had to confer the above dukedoms to Austria-Prussia, and a Schleswig-Holstein government was formed.

Now a new series of stamps was issued. Inscription: SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN above and SHILLING below.

Values:

½-shilling rose, issued February 22, 1865.

1¼-shilling green, issued June, 1865.

1¾-shilling mauve, issued August 18, 1865.

2-shilling blue, issued August 18, 1865.

4-shilling bistre, issued September 10, 1865.

We see they were in use only a short time, not a year, therefore used copies are hard to get hold of.

At the Gasteiner convention it was resolved to dissolve the joint or mutual government, and that this should take place September 15, 1865. Austria took the administration of Holstein, and Prussia took Schleswig. From November 1st, same year, each country issued their respective stamps. The reader will find same in the fifty-eighth catalogue, page 480. On the stamps of 1864-65 the inscription reads thus: HERZOGTH (um)SCHLESWIG; on 1864 Holstein, in center 1¼ SHILLING C(u)R(an)T; below 4 S(hilling) R(eichs) M(unze); left side of stamp H(e)RZ. GL(iche); right side FR(ei) M(arke). On next stamp below we find 1¼ S(hilling) L(andes), M(unze).

Schleswig-Holstein stamps were withdrawn in 1866. By the war of that year these countries became a Prussian province and prosperity was first noticed.

FROM A BOY DEALER.

In the August number of this magazine I saw on the first page that contained philatelic literature a piece headed, "How Shall We Keep the Young People Interested in Philately." It was by Mr. R. L. Payne and expressed a good deal what the junior collectors think themselves.

I have been collecting and dealing for six years, ever since I was nine years of age, and my interest in the art of stamps has never waned. Indeed it has grown more and more until now I use every bit of time I can in its interests.

It is as Mr. Payne says, that the majority of school teachers dislike stamp collecting, perhaps because it promotes talking and disorder during school time, but this could easily be stopped if the teacher had proper control over her scholars. And what it loses in things not right, it more than makes it up by cultivating the mind in geography, history, etc.

Now I am speaking from experience, and I say that in reply to Mr. Payne's heading that if the older collectors and dealers would take more interest in the junior collectors and dealers, and not throw their lists into the paper basket as "kids' work," the junior list would swell considerably. I know of certain "kids" whose prices, when compared with those of the seniors, have been found to be from 40 to 25 per cent cheaper, especially in U. S. revenues.

Now I second the motion of Mr.

Payne, being myself a junior collector, and heartily ask that all we young members of the philatelic world be listened to, and let us have a voice in the says of the philatelic world and we will most heartily and cordially help it to prosper.

With the permission of the editors of this paper I will be glad to hear from other juniors and seniors on this matter. CECIL RAWSON.

SUPPRESSING SPECULATIVE ISSUES.

On account of the issue of the Omaha Exposition stamps, questions concerning speculative stamps will necessarily arise and receive due recognition in the philatelic press. In the present paper it is the aim of the writer to attempt to consider the question whether there is a possibility of suppressing these obnoxious stamps. Let it not be understood that I am in favor of speculative stamps, not by any means, for I consider them a great hindrance to the healthy growth of philately. A reform is needed, and the best way to accomplish this reform is to point out the defects in the present condition.

From the present condition of affairs, namely, the continual appearance of speculative issues, it seems there is a slight possibility. Societies condemning these issues have been formed from time to time, but all have succumbed to the inevitable except the S. S. S. S., which is still living but may be considered as being in the last stages of consumption. Nevertheless this society has done some very commendable work, but it is lacking in one essential—it has not reached the individual collector, upon whom most of the responsibility falls. The S. S. S. S. has spent most of its energy upon the several governments without descending to the level of the individual.

It must be remembered that as long as there is a sufficient sale to warrant the issue of these stamps they will be produced; a government will not cease to issue them merely to satisfy the wishes of a society of stamp collectors as long as there is any pecuniary profit. Then, as it is the individual collector creates the demand for these stamps, the question arises whether the individual can be induced to desist from collecting them. This is scarcely probable.

First, the young collector, unacquainted with the various intricate terms of philately is quite overcome by the philosophical language which characterizes the edicts of the learned dealers who admonish the young collector to cease collecting speculative stamps for reasons incomprehensive to the stamp invoice. Therefore the edicts fall upon a deaf ear and the young collector continues to indulge in his desire for beautiful scenes and various colors characteristic of these stamps. Finally as the young collector becomes older the desire for collecting these stamps has been so firmly rooted that it cannot be eliminated.

Then among other persons the spirit of Yankee independence is so predominant that if any one should dictate to him what should be done, he would undoubtedly do the reverse. Young America will tolerate no dictation from anyone, least of all a foreigner.

Therefore in my opinion the present condition will have to be revolutionized if we wish to suppress speculative stamps. E. W. THOMAS.

Ed. H. Wilkinson is again to be numbered with collectors. He expects to pay special attention to Great Britain.

E. P. Holmes, city editor of the State Journal and ex-president of the N. P. S., left with his wife for Paris.

The Camera.

Photography for Beginners.

It is a common idea that photography is very expensive and difficult—too much so to enable the average youth to take it up. The writer knows differently, for he has started at least half a dozen boys with this fascinating hobby—boys of the age of 13 or 14—with only a few cents per week pocket money. In a week or two they turned out some very decent pictures.

"Yes," some one says; "but what about a camera? Is not that a great expense?"

Many boys nowadays have bicycles, and the camera with all its accessories will not cost a quarter as much as a bicycle. Ten dollars will set a young photographer up luxuriously, and it may be done for much less than that.

Probably a camera has been presented to a youth, in which case, good or bad, he must make the best of it. You cannot look a gift-horse in the mouth.

But if a choice is allowed, a start should be made with a stand camera—on no account with a hand camera. It is very nice to be able to prowl around snapping off everyone and everything, at all times and in any circumstances. But no one really does. The president of a photographic society cannot do it.

In the "Mikado" a self-conscious young lady sings a song about the "Sun and I." This title is a capital motto for photographers. The sun is quite as important a personage as "I" where a photograph is concerned, and he must be shining very brightly to enable the snap-shotter to work.

The beginner will find many, many days, when the hand camera cannot be used, but it will be a dull day, indeed, when he cannot do something with the stand camera. He can also see what his picture is going to be; he can be sure it will be in focus, and the camera is much more likely to be steady when placed on the stand than when held in the hand.

Only the most expert photographers can snap-shot successfully, and they get a good percentage of spoilures.

The best possible camera fer a beginner is the Premo. More of these cameras have probably been sold than any other. There are cameras for $5 which will do to begin on, but the young photographer will soon want a better article, whereas the Premo will satisfy for a lifetime, or at any rate till a hand camera is wanted.

The $10 includes a stand and dark slide. Two extra dark slides will cost $1 each, and as each holds two plates the photographer will be able to take six photographs without changing.

A ruby lamp may be made from an old cigar box and ruby medium, or one may be bought for 40 cents. Dishes and graduated measure will cost $1, and four printing frames $1.

Therefore $15 will cover the initial expense, and most of the boys referred to started with this outfit.

And now let us consider what it costs to take a photograph.

Full directions are given in pamphlets and manuals issued by the manufacturers. The object of this article is not to tell how to take a photograph, but what it costs.

The pictures are taken on glass plates which are specially prepared by numerous manufacturers. The ¼-plate size costs 25 cents per dozen. It is best to stick to one brand, not try one kind one week and another the next.

After exposure the plate is developed with a liquid called the developer.

It is best, of course, to mix one's own developer, but a boy will find it much simpler and easier to buy a couple of bottles of hydroquinone. These can

be bought for 25 cents and should develop at least forty plates.

For a good many reasons pyrogallic acid is better than hydroquinone, but the latter is much better for a beginner, because of its cheapness, cleanliness, and ease of working.

The only other solution required is one of hyposulphite of soda, which is best kept in a jug. This only costs 5 cents per pound, and so it will be seen that a negative may easily be made for 3 or 4 cents.

Having obtained a good negative, any number of prints may be taken from it. These may be done on several kinds of paper—bromide, platinum, velox and self-toning.

After printing it has to be toned. Gold chloride is generally used, and this is where the expense comes in.

Though it is best for a beginner to buy his developers ready prepared, it will not pay him to get his toning solution that way. He can, however, get the chemist to make up two solutions for him, with which he can make his own chloride of gold bath.

The first solution is sulphocyanide of ammonium 15 grains to 1 dram; the second, chloride of gold 1 grain to 1 dram.

When, therefore, the directions say, "15 grains of sulphocyanide of ammonia," all that is needed is to measure out 1 dram of the liquid and add it to the distilled water. Similarly 1 grain of gold is obtained by adding 1 dram of the solution.

By this means the trouble of weighing is saved, and the photographer can add gold as needed.

Hyposulphite of soda is again used to "fix" the prints. The cost of a print may be thus estimated: Paper, 1 cent; toning and fixing, 1 cent; total, 2 cents.

This is a most liberal allowance, but it will be seen that a lad can, with 10 cents a week, take two negatives and take a print from each, and if he gets one good negative a week he will not have done badly at the end of the year.

"Ah, but I have no means for making a dark room," one says. A properly equipped dark room is certainly a great advantage, but if development is done at night, the bathroom or the kitchen will do equally well.

The coal cellar is worse than useless. The dust is ruinous to plates, and a good supply of water is of the highest importance. Therefore the bathroom or the kitchen is by far the best. If the moon shines, or a light streams in, it can be made safe by pinning up a cloth or brown paper over the window.

The writer has developed a good thousand negatives and lantern slides in such a dark room.

Reference has been made to manuals of photography. If a boy wishes to take up photography he will find these very useful. But the best plan of all is to get some one to show him how to use his camera and how to develop. Amateurs are always ready to extend a helping hand to a beginner.

We will be pleased to answer questions on the camera.

Camera Notes.

The writer wishes to take exception to the article in last month's paper relative to "glace finish." Mine never stick, and I mount them directly from the final bath. The prints always stick in hot weather. No one ever saw a print stick in the winter. Amateurs are usually careless in drying and place them in too warm a place. The paper dries too fast for the gelatine in hot weather unless the plates are left to dry in a cool place.

I find the formula sent with Hammer plates fine for short exposures:

No. 1—Pure water, 57 oz.; sul. soda crystals, 2½ oz.; methol, 1 oz.

No. 2—Pure water, 57 oz.; sul. soda crystals, 2½ oz.; pyro, ¼ oz.

No. 3—Pure water 57 oz.; carbonate potassium, 2½ oz.

To develop take pure water 3 oz.

No. 1, 1 oz.

No. 2, 1 oz.

No. 3, 1 oz.

This is sufficient to develop two 5x8 plates if tray be large enough. Developer may be used repeatedly by adding a little fresh developer each time. Keep used developer in a separate bottle.

Snap-Shotting.

A great deal of the work done by the photographic cyclist will probably consist of what are termed "snap-shots," i. e., pictures taken in a small fraction of time by means of a shutter. To make successful pictures with such brief exposure, some knowledge should be acquired of the rate at which certain common or familiar objects move, and also the speed at which the shutter should work in order that they may be successfully photographed.

Many shutters attached to the modern hand cameras have an indicator attached to them, showing the speed at which they are supposed to work: and, providing the shutter is set fast enough to secure the desired picture, if the light is good, no mistake will probably be made. But very erroneous impressions often prevail as to the rate both at which the shutter works and the rate at which objects move in relation to the image thrown on the plate. Expodak tells you the speed to use.

Thus, the finish of an exciting cycle race would require an excellent shutter, working at somewhere about the 500th part of a second; whereas a cyclist travelling at an ordinary rate on the road could be photographed with a shutter which worked somewhere about the 100th part of a second.

Should the cyclist find that he is in possession of a camera which bears no indication whatever of the speed that the shutter works at, he should consult someone who has a camera fitted with shutter and indicator, and compare notes of the rate at which his shutter travels across the lens; or he may make a few exposures on moving objects taken at right angles to the camera; and when he finds the exposure which gives successful results without blurring he can note it as the speed at which his shutter probably works.

The following are approximate speeds at which the shutter should be set to give a well defined image of the following objects:

	Secs.
A number of people watching some event	1-20
People at ordinary walk	1-30
Horses walking	1-50
Horses trotting	1-100

These speeds pre-suppose that the lens in use is about 5 inches in focus and the object about 50 feet from the camera, and that the object will be photographed in sunshine, on plates of not less than medium rapidity for the slower speeds, and fast plates for the higher ones, and that the light is of such a character that the shadows thrown by the objects are really black. In fact, snap-shotting is best left alone unless these conditions prevail.

It may be added, that if the space in which the objects are moving is a particularly open one, say by the bank of a great river, in a large park, or open space not shut in by buildings, then the next stop, say F. 11, may be used, and increased sharpness of the picture will result.

For those whose cameras bear no indication whatever of the speed the shutter works at, it may be said that usually it will not be found to be above the thirtieth part of a second.

Even whilst using the shutter at a fairly high speed it is important the camera be held steady and level and not jerked while the shutter is being

released. If the camera is of the square-box pattern the best position for holding it is against the left side with the left hand underneath, the shutter release being freed by a steady press of the right thumb. Just previous to firing a deep breath should be taken and held as the shutter is discharged.

Notes on Dark Room.

The amateur photographer is always apt to be at a disadvantage when the question of dark room accommodation is to the fore. The head of the household may view his operations kindly enough as long as they are confined to taking portraits, or making prints; but when the question of utilizing some part of the house for the purpose of converting it into a dark room is mooted, objections are not at all unlikely to be urged in an uncompromising fashion. Of course, if the photographic enthusiast proposes to occupy the bath-room at various times and for prolonged periods, or to utilize the domestic sink, or the best linen cupboard, he is hardly likely to pursue such a course for long without incurring some one's displeasure; and at the outset of his career, therefore, it will be as well for him to endeavor to secure some spot in which to carry on his operations, the occupation of which will interfere as little as possible with the domestic arrangements of his abode.

Very often a corner of an attic, or a lumber-room, or a small attic itself can be spared, and in this case the proceedings necessary to convert it into a dark room are simple, and will be referred to in detail further. I do not recommend building a wooden house or shed in a garden, for my experience, even in an exceptionally well constructed one, was that I was very cold in it in the winter and baked in the summer; and neither of these conditions are to be desired when manipulating photographic materials. It is true, however, that an expensive dark room can be bought, which, if space can be found—say on a large landing or in an attic—will form a great convenience. In using any such structure the light, say a lamp, or gas—for artificial light must be used at times, and, indeed, is to be preferred for actual work, as it does not vary as daylight does—should be placed outside the room, say on a shelf behind a sliding ruby or orange screen, so that the fumes from the lamp or gas do not enter the apartment, and yet the light can be used without the screen if desired.

If an ordinary room is to be had, subject only to blocking out a window, that will, of course, be one of the simplest solutions of the dark room difficulty. In this case a strip of flat wood, $2 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ inches, or $3 \times \frac{3}{4}$ inches, should be screwed on the flat of the moulding of the window from the top to the bottom, and a square frame made, from wood of a similar thickness, to fit close to each of these pieces, to which it is secured when placed in position by a thumb-screw on each side. The whole of the frame can be covered with brown paper, say two thicknesses, and the light can all be blocked out except say at one corner, where a piece of red or orange fabric can be used instead; or if the photographer has a little skill in using tools he can so make the frame at one corner that will take various small frames with different colored fabrics, say deep ruby, orange or light yellow. The former for color-sensitive plates, the second for ordinary plates, and the latter for bromide paper; each screen being kept in its place by some form of turn buckle.

The safety of the light should be tested. This can easily be done by placing an unexposed plate in the position which the developing dish will

occupy, cover half of the plate with a card, and let it remain for a quarter of an hour. Develop in the usual way, and if no fog is visible on the part whioh has been exposed to the light, the fabric or glass in use may be considered safe. If the sun shines on the window, as many as three thicknesses of fabric may be required to make a safe light. As the sun bleaches the fabric, it should be tested fairly frequently. The position of the non-actinic light should be such that the rays fall on the plate and not on the worker's eyes. This can be arranged by a hinged screen on the top, and if the light is placed at one side of the sink instead of in front, the arrangement will be still better, and leaves the whole of the front of the sink free for the eyes.

An important point is to see that, whatever place is used as a dark room, it should be properly ventilated, and in such a way that no white light can enter the room. For this reason cupboards and other places which it is difficult to ventilate properly should be avoided.

A lead-lined sink, not necessarily of large size, should be fitted with at least cold water, and if possible hot, and the waste taken to the nearest available outlet. Shelves should be placed at a convenient hight for measures and developing bottles; whilst a separate shelf should be put under the sink, or on one side, for the hypo dish or tank, as on no account should this be allowed to get into close proximity to the developing solutions or dishes.

The temperature of the dark room should, wherever possible, be maintained at between 60 degrees and 70 degrees Fahrenheit, as this keeps the solutions and the dishes at the proper temperature for development. Indeed, in any case, for the worker's own comfort, some method of warming should be arranged.

The reason of the spots on finished prints: Spots are caused by black spots in the negative, from imperfections in the paper, and from imperfect toning-bath. Stains on the print are caused from careless handling in the toning-bath. The face of the print should never be touched, but the prints lifted by the edges. Hypo will cause spots, if any comes in contact with the face of the print. Care should be taken that the hands are perfectly clean when toning and fixing picture.

Following are the directions for making a vignetting mask: Take a box cover that fits the printing-frame and cut a hole in it as large as the plate. Over it paste a piece of opaque paper, and make an opening any shape desired for the vignette—either pear-shaped, oval, round, etc. Cut little slits all around the edge of this, and over it paste a sheet of tissue-paper. Place the cover over the printing frame and print. If the cover is attached to the frame the progress of the print can be examined without changing the shape of the vignette.

NEBRASKA CAMERA CLUB.

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President's Address.

BROTHER MEMBERS.—As several members have written me asking for formulas, I give one below that will give excellent results:

No. 1.—Pure water, 30 oz.- sulphite soda crystals, 5 oz.; carbonate soda crystals, 2½ oz.

No. 2.—Pure water, 25 oz.; oxalic acid, 15 grains; pyrogallic acid, 1 oz.

To develop:

Take of No. 1, 1 oz.; No. 2, ½ oz.; pure water, 3 oz.

Use a little more water in warm weather and less if the weather be cool.

Mr. Brodstone has had applications prepared, and if you have not already received one send a stamp for blanks and get some amateur friend to join. Don't forget Omaha meeting October 28th. Headquarters at 404 N. Sixteenth street. Sincerely.

S. P. HUGHES.

Secretary's Report.

I have had several inquiries concerning the Camera Club, and we will be pleased to send application blanks to anyone interested. A fine membership card is sent to all members.

If you can offer any suggestions for the help of camera users, please send them to the PHILATELIC WEST for publication.

We will hold a meeting at 404 North Sixteenth street, Omaha, October 28th. You are cordially invited to attend and meet the members in the city.

A number of county fairs are offering prizes for camera pictures this year. I would like to have the names of the winners.

I expect to have some camera cuts in the next number, and if you have any extra fine pictures I would be pleased to receive them.

I have prints taken from here to Europe, and of scenes in the following countries: Scotland, England, France, Belgium and Holland, including a few of their Expositions. I also have prints taken at Washington, D. C., Chicago, the Omaha Exposition, and prints of western scenes. I would be pleased to exchange as many prints as received, unmounted or untoned. I prefer selftoning paper and velox, which I use.

I wish readers to send me names of all persons in Nebraska whom they know use cameras.

Any suggestions for the good of the club will be gladly received by

L. T. BRODSTONE.

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Secretary's Report.

NEW MEMBERS.—186, A. M. Hendee, 1132 H street, Lincoln; 187, John Benson, 715 South Ninth street, Omaha; 188, R. Wilson, 3020 Cass street, Omaha; 189, Ross Betzer, David City; 190, August C. Greenhagen, Station B, Omaha; 191, Otto H. Shurman, Fremont.

APPLICATIONS.

192. R. Dana Osterhout, David City; reference, R. Betzer.

193. Dan E. De Putron, box 973, Lincoln; refrence, L. T. Brodstone.

194. Harry K. Shutt, Hastings; reference, C. Einsel.

195. C. E. Moreland, 1562 North Seventeenth street, Omaha; reference, S. Mortenson.

READMITTED.

2. L. T. Brodstone, Superior.
86. F. F. Tomblin, Imperial.
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166. H. A. Cheney, Creighton.
142. R. T. Clausen, Amelia.
29. G. A. Cotton, Table Rock.
35. S. H. Hoyt, Broken Bow.
138. S. P. Hughes, Howe.
141. W. B. Wilkins, Omaha.

160. W. L. Frericks, Auburn.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

W. B. Hopson to 1214 Farnam street, Omaha.

J. W. Dye to Owatonna, Minn.

Rev. C. Schober to Moundridge, Mo.

The members will hold a social meeting at 404 North Sixteenth street, Omaha, October 28th, and I would like all officers to be present and bring their friends.

Please send me the names of Nebraska collectors whom you know.

Help the society with one application at least. We expect to number 200 by the time of our meeting.

Hastings collectors have formed a local society. It only takes six to make a branch of the N. P. S., and have your reports and exchange notices published free.

The dues of quite a number of members become payable the first of the month. Members will please notice on their membership cards the date their dues are payable. Neat, new cards are sent on receipt of dues.

R. W. French of Hartland, Ore., has kindly offered his paper to all members whose dues are paid up for the low rate of seven cents per year. It will pay members to be readers of his paper. The Exchange Column alone is worth the price. I will be pleased to forward all subscriptions that may be sent to me. I can say I have received more replies from it than any other paper I have ever tried.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand, last report	$1.43
Receipts. Dues, fees and applications	9.95
Total	$11.38
Disbursements - Postage, official organ and ballots	$ 6.75
Balance on hand	$ 4 63

L. T. BRODSTONE.

Exchange Department.

Number of books received to date, 5; value of books, $39.92; number retired, 1; value, $4.06; number of books still in department, 4; value, $35.86.

The department is not crowded as yet with books. I hope all members who possibly can will send in one or more books. I would be glad to receive them as I have many requests for stamps which I cannot fill; hence you may get the benefit of these requests.

Some members have not sent in their requests for stamps as yet. Send them in. While I have not many books, yet I know of several members who are filling books.

Hoping to be able to make a much better report for next issue, I remain,

Yours in the N. P. S.,

ROLLIE NEUMANN.

Dear Fellow Philatelists: It shall be my aim to make the Exchange Department mutually profitable and helpful, and to this end I invite your earnest co-operation.

For the good of the department I submit the following suggestions:

First. Do not fill up your books with penny stuff, unless you are willing to assume all risks, for it cannot be registered except at a loss to the department.

Second. Do not send stamps at dealers' prices. To find ready sale they should be marked at from fifty to eighty per cent off catalogue.

Third. Send in on enclosed slip, your name, specify stamps you wish to buy and thus avoid unnecessary circulation of books.

Fourth. Be prompt in your remittances.

Fifth. Any errors, oversights or mistakes in the department should immediately be reported to the president.

Hoping these suggestions will meet your approval I remain your friend in the upbuilding of the N. P. S.

Yours respectfully,

ROLLIE NEUMANN.

Auction Department.

Fellow Members N. P. S.: On another page will be noticed the regular monthly auction list. Please note that this is the first sale of the season and contains many excellent stamps. Send in your bids at once, as most of the stamps are in the finest possible condition and are likely to sell well.

Send in lots for next sale. Returns guaranteed within twelve days after sale. Fraternally, S. P. HUGHES.

To Publishers.

The librarian of the Nebraska Philatelic society, W. C. Estes, Ninth and Harney streets, wishes to receive your paper for the society library, and will return the compliment with the PHILATELIC WEST. Papers will be on file at Ninth and Harney streets so that any collectors in the city can call and see them. It will be a good place for your magazine.

W. A. Fleming, librarian of the Hastings, Neb., society, desires papers also.

BOILED DOWN.

Original and Otherwise.

Brazil is to have 5,000 and 10,000 reis stamps.

The military stations of the New York office in Porto Rico are: No. 1, Ponce; No. 2, Guyama; No. 3, Mayaquez; No. 4, San Juan.

From the *International Philatelist* we learn that 17,750 surcharged $5 stamps were issued.

No private proprietary and but one check stamp have been issued at the present writing.

W. C. Estes sends us a 1c green on laid paper. He says that he has the 2c also.

CURRENT TOPICS.

The 1c green and 2c carmine current issue come on laid paper, Scott and others to the contrary. I have seen one copy with the marking very distinct. In most copies, however, the stamp will have to be soaked to find the variety of paper.

The 1c green current issue is found in dark and yellow-green shades, almost as distinct as the 5 ore, Norway.

Where are the higher values of used Omahas? Anything above the 4c is exceedingly rare here. To inquiries of janitors at different blocks invariably the same answer is received, "Have none for sale." The old issues seem to be used to this city from other points in about the ratio of twenty-five to one.

Do you, as a collector, carefully examine all your stamps, both in album and duplicates, measure all perforations and examine with benzine for water marks? If not, why not?

If you are going to collect stamps be a philatelist—not simply a collector of postage stamps. Study them, and if you specialize in any countries, read up on them, so that in showing your treasures to a friend you will be able to talk intelligently on the subject. It has come to my notice just recently where an old collector, never specializing on different watermarks, examined some old colonials he possessed and to his surprise had many rare ones among his duplicates, cataloguing now up into the dollars. If so with him, may be so with you; anyway the few surprises you find and the satisfaction of knowing your stamps are located in the proper space will be ample reward for your time and

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THE CATALOGUE.

The announcement of the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. that this season they will not follow the time-honored custom of issuing the standard catalogue in January strikes stamp collectors with as much force as the declaration of the war with Spain. The reason given is the fact that at the present time the value of stamps is very unsettled, and it would be impossible to fix satisfactory prices. This condition has been brought about by the general business depression of the past five years. Such a result was imperative, but we can point with pride to the fact that stamps held up longer than almost any other kind of securities. There is no question but that this depression is the result of the unloading of speculators and not from the sale of collections or a decrease in the number of collectors. This is proven by the fact that the market is simply unsettled and not showing a general decline.

The Scott Co. think that the greater part of the speculative holdings that are to be sold in bulk have already been unloaded, and that within a few months prices will have adjusted themselves nearer the true value, based on the number of specimens in existence, than ever before. It is likely that they will issue an edition next summer.

Taking it all around the present difficulty will do us good. It has put a check to speculation that will last for several years, and it will finally give us fairer prices than we have ever had before. Even the change in the date of the catalogue to the beginning of the season is an advantage, because heretofore business has been practically suspended for several weeks before its appearance.

POSTAL RULES.

Mutilated postal cards are subject to letter rates. C. E. Severn tells of an old issue card being held up in the mails for one cent due because some official thought it had been cut down. This brings up the question of the reason for some of the seemingly foolish postal regulations. Take the rule in question; suppose one could cut postal cards, why not cut one in two and use each half. Then there is the rule forbidding anything pasted to the back of a card. It seems a hardship not to be able to send a small newspaper clipping or sample of cloth, but if that was allowable why not a whole newspaper or several yards of cloth? A line must be drawn somewhere, and most postal rules fulfill this object.

An additional printing of 50,000 of the 2½d New Zealand error has been made to supply the demand from collectors. The designs of the 1d and 4d will be interchanged. That is all for this time.

The report in English papers that our postoffice department is consider-

ing the charging of 2 cents on all postal cards bearing any reference to business is untrue.

BY BUSINESS MANAGER.

We will gladly pay a good cash price for the right kind of philatelic manuscript. Return postage must accompany all matter submitted.

Persons sending names on the free subscription offer will please enclose postage, for we have yet to see the full number of twenty-five, of which we have none.

Notice the advertisements. Some good bargains are offered.

We have a few odd numbers of the PHILATELIC WEST of the early volumes, and will send a dozen, all different, for 10 cents to pay the postage. No numbers for sale from Volume V to date. All were sent out.

We can offer any of the Munsey publications at the regular price and include the PHILATELIC WEST, sending the two for the price of one. Munsey's Magazine is the largest in size and circulation of all magazines, and was the first one to make low prices.

The Chicago Record says that at the First International Postal Card Exhibition at Zurich, Switzerland, all civilized nations are represented. There are 2,000,000 illustrated cards displayed and 1,000 varieties, many exceedingly interesting. Switzerland is pre-eminently represented in the exhibits.

The meeting of collectors at Omaha will be held October 28th at 404 North Sixteenth street. There is talk of forming a new western society.

Already a number of our advertisers have engaged larger space for the next number, so ads must pay. The Queen City Stamp Co. of Hastings, Neb., says it is the best thing they have ever done. And there are others.

This is the only paper that goes to the collectors registered at the stamp exhibit at the Exposition, and most of them are not known as collectors outside of their home towns. Then this is the largest paper of its class west of the Missouri, and it is the official organ of the largest society west of the Mississippi. No wonder the ads pay.

I notice that several magazines in the east, and one in the west, claim the largest circulation. I would be pleased to compare subscription lists with any stamp monthly in America. From those we have bought and had offered to us I don't think we are among the last. if there are any ahead of us. Since the new volume began there has been very few mails but what brought one or more subscriptions, and we have nearly a dozen mails a day. It is surprising to myself the way they are rolling in. The majority are from the west, so you see it is a good field. Nebraska has more collectors today than I ever dreamed of its having.

If we keep on, I am afraid Munsey will have to look to his laurels. We are issuing a large paper for the price. It is costing us more, and the present low rates for subscriptions and cash advertising will have to be advanced. In fact we expect to double both with the next number, and make the paper still better.

Hastings collectors write me they have formed a local society with rooms over the Democrat office, and elected the following officers: President, C. S. Einsel; secretary-treasurer, M. A. Beal; librarian, Fleming.

There are only six monthly papers published west of the Mississippi devoted to stamps, so you see it is a good field for the advertiser. The PHILATELIC WEST'S advertisers stay by it. If it pays them, why not you? Get into the next number before it is too late.

Get copy here by 25th to insure good position.

IS THE CONNELL AN ESSAY?

BY JOHN HULME LOWE.

IN the *International Philatelist* for September appeared the following article under the head of "Essays:"

"Another essay much prized by those who like such things is what is known as the Connell stamp. This was designed by Hon. Charles Connell, postmaster general of New Brunswick. It was intended to fill the place of the ordinary 5c green, the stock of which had been exhausted. The device very much resembled the 5c of the regular issue, with the exception that Connell's head appears in the oval instead of Queen Victoria's.

"At times there has been much wrangling among philatelic writers concerning this essay, some contending that a few specimens passed through the mail. I have thoroughly investigated the subject, and have arrived at the decision that not a single specimen of the so-called Connell stamp was used for mailing purposes. Philatelists who have investigated the facts will bear me out in this decision. Connell was dismissed before his essay could become current."

As this stamp is of great interest I think a few corrections on the above article will not be considered in any way dictatory. Not much information has been elucidated or in possession of stamp collectors in connection with this stamp beyond the knowledge that Mr. Connell's countenance was engraved on the stamp and he was compelled to resign in consequence.

As the stamp was used for one day some of them passed through the post-office. In what manner persons came in possession of them I will describe later. This stamp cannot be called an essay. The circumstances of this so-called essay are as follows:

In the year 1861 a gentleman by the name of Hon. Charles Connell was postmaster-general of New Brunswick. Upon entering his official capacity Mr. Connell perceived, it is supposed, room for improvement in the stamps then in use, and employed the American Bank Note Co. to execute a series of stamps, Mr. Connell furnishing the design of each stamp, viz: A steam engine on the 1c; the queen on the 10c; a steamboat, indicating European postage, on the 12½c; a portrait of the possible future king of England on the 17c; and his own on the 5c.

The stamps soon arrived and were sold to the public, except the 5c. Mr. Connell's picture on the 5c stamp was not favorably received. A political mass meeting was called, presided over by an opponent of Connell, and it was resolved to request Mr. Connell to resign. Mr. Connell threw the reins of the postoffice off, and retired at once and forever from the political arena.

A short time previous to this, on the arrival of the stamps, Mr. Connell gave a banquet to some two hundred of his friends, and in the course of the evening each one of the guests were presented with a copy of the new 5c stamp with their host's countenance adorning it. Some were used the next day; this accounts for the used specimens.

Anyone who has examined any of these stamps will observe a great many torn at the corners. This is ascribed to have happened when they were served at the banquet, on that memorable night.

In Mr. E. H. T.'s article he erroneously states, it was intended to fill the place of the ordinary 5c green, the stock of which had been exhausted.

This was not the case, as the Connell was the first 5c stamp, there being no 5c green previous to this. I believe there are used specimens of this stamp in existence. In fact I have conversed lately with a philatelist who states that there is a used specimen in the collection of an eminent stamp collector here in Toronto.

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trouble. Other instances have come to my notice where the true watermark being known had placed the stamp at an earlier date and raised the value fifty to three hundred per cent.

While I am "harping" on this subject I want to say a few words about the looks of your album and stamps. Over seventy-five per cent of the collections I have been permitted to see in the past three years are composed almost entirely of unsoaked, dirty, torn, and heavily cancelled stamps. Why is it? It looks as if their only ambition was to get as many varieties as possible, regardless of looks. Don't be in such a rush, take more time; make your album look neat and pretty. You will take more pride in showing it to a friend when in this shape than if it was thrown together "hit and miss." Again, a clean and orderly album will be more of an incentive to keep collecting than otherwise.

Here are two or three rules that will do you no harm to remember:

Don't put a stamp into your album that is torn, cut close, dirty, or heavily cancelled. It don't pay; it detracts not only from the beauty, but from the value of your collection. This rule can be modified on more valuable stamps to be used as space-fillers till more desirable copies can be obtained.

Soak your stamps. A little experience will soon enable you to take a stamp from bath before it is discolored. I always use cold water, which I prefer to steam, unless I wish to save gum. When stamps are soaked place between two blotters under a press or weight till dry. You will now have a clean, flat specimen, where before it was ragged and uninviting. Where the stamp is dirty and greasy it can be greatly helped by soaking and placing between blotters as before, but dry with hot iron. This usually soaks up a great amount of grease and dirt.

Another important item is "Mounting." *Above every thing else mount them straight.* The albums of the rail fence variety are numerous now. Don't let yours be another. The location and placing of hinges on stamps is a subject for never ceasing discussion. Some mount from the bottom, some from the top, some from the middle of the stamp. A short time ago in "*Mekeel's*" I even noticed where some one mounted his stamps by sewing them to the album. This last cannot be recommended to be either saving to the stamp nor ornamental to the album.

In my collection all are hinged at the top, a trifle above perforations, so that in raising the stamp the perforations are protected; also, this way the the stamp can be entirely turned on its face for examination.

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Revenue Collectors.

A want-list of U. S. revenues documentary, proprietary, match and medicine, etc., and including the present war issues compiled by Oscar Jannasch, will be out Nov. 10th. List will contain many uncatalogued varieties and will be up to date. Every revenue collector should have one. Price 10c, postpaid. Address all orders to Roy B. Bradley, Pub., Waco Tex

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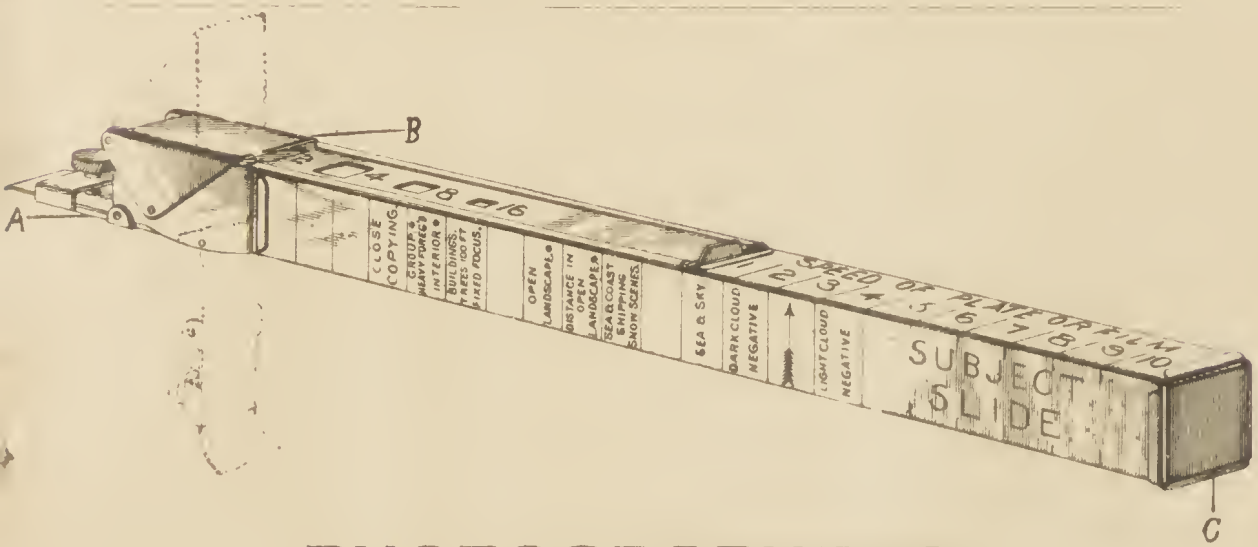
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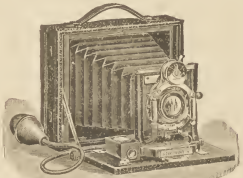
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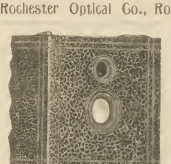


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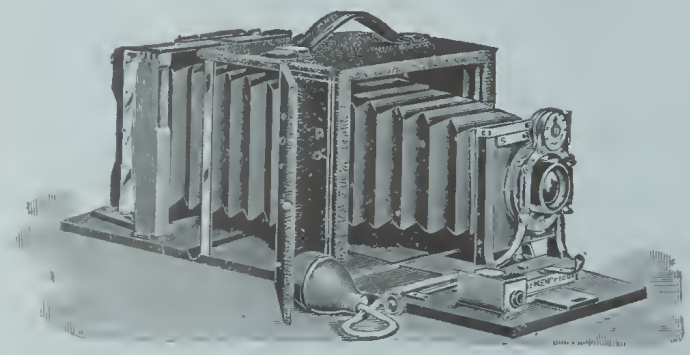
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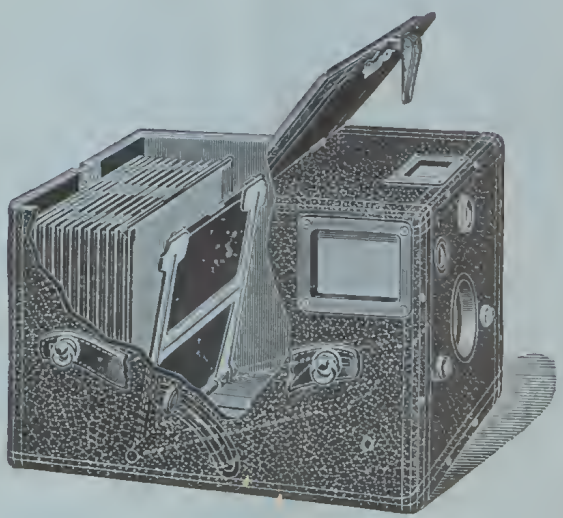
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THE STAMPS OF CANADA.

BY GEO. W. HICKS.

THE postal emissions of Canada afford a wide field of study to collectors of British colonial stamps. Their unique designs, their historical significance, and their untainted character, make them prime favorites with the specialist.

From the first issue in 1851 to the "long standing" issue of 1869-97, Canada has a clean record, and no one can point back to any unnecessary or speculative issue. But how the mighty are fallen! For, in the year 1897 Canada committed her first crime—she issued a set of Jubilee stamps.

But a first offence is always dealt with leniently; and so with Canada, for, after a good deal had been said about it, collectors with one accord sought for the stamps eagerly until they did find them—even after the prices of some of the values had increased an hundred fold. And when they had found them they called in their neighboring stamp friends and did rejoice exceedingly over them. As will be seen our language has become somewhat "biblical"; but we think this is pardonable, seeing we have just returned from a horse race.

But this is a wide diversion from our subject. To continue: No sooner had the up-to-date collector filled in the last blank space with Jubilees, than another issue appeared. After the first brief start of surprise he proceeded to rule spaces for these stamps and to fill them in. But he had not got farther than the 8-cent value when another set with figures in the corners appeared before him. He has since heard that this set is entirely unsatisfactory and that there will be but one printing of each value, so he has hired a boy to rule several blank pages full of various sized spaces for the future issues of Canada during 1898-99.

Now this seems too hard on poor Canada, but it is a fact that a change in the present issue, with numerals in lower corners is contemplated.

Surely one more issue will not satisfy Canada, for she was a long time in-

active in the new issue line and is now making up for lost time. So be prepared, O ye philatelists. Canada is in the field, and does nothing by halves. We may yet have regular monthly issues. Who can tell?

CURRENT TOPICS.

NOTE.—Extracts and notes of New Issues under this heading each month are to a great extent taken from *Mekeel's Weekly*, through the courtesy of its puplisher, I. A. Mekeel.

W. C. ESTES.

It now appears that the 1-cent I. R., block letter, was used the first month by the American Express Co. in this city, their supply being sent from the head office at Chicago. There is a still hunt going on for used copies already.

Next to fall in line on U. P. U. colors will be England: ½p, 1p, and 2½p, with colors green, red and blue, respectively.

Newfoundland's portrait issue of the royal family is a new departure in that line. The stamps are very pretty and fine colors. The issue is:

½-cent olive. (Prince Edward).
1-cent green. (Queen Victoria).
2-cent carmine. (Prince of Wales).
3-cent orange. (Princess of Wales).

Canada's new issue with numerals consists of:

½-cent black.
1-cent blue-green.
2-cent purple.
3-cent carmine.
5-cent blue.
6-cent brown.
8-cent orange.
10-cent violet-brown.
15-cent gray.
20-cent yellow-brown.
50-cent olive.

There seems to be a great demand at present for the portrait issue of Newfoundland, the jubilee issue of Salvador, Grenada and Trinidad. Have you got them?

Current issue U. S. are now being printed with the following change in colors; no change in design, however.

4-cent dark red-brown.
5-cent light-blue.
6-cent maroon.
10-cent light-brown.

In our war tax stamps four new denominations are scheduled: 1⅞-cent and 3¾-cent proprietary, 40-cent and 80-cent document.

The 1898 issue, corrected to date, is as follows:

CURRENT ISSUE.

1-cent green.
5-cent blue.
5-cent light blue.
4-cent red-brown.
6-cent maroon.
10-cent light brown.

OMAHAS.

1-cent dark green.
1-cent yellow-green.
1-cent slate-green. (Gray paper).
2-cent brown-red.
2-cent rose-red.
4-cent yellow-orange.
4-cent orange.
5-cent blue.
5-cent deep blue.
8-cent lilac.
10-cent gray.
50-cent sage green.
$1.00 black.
$2.00 orange-brown.

REVENUES.

Document (provisional):

I. R. on 1-cent green, red surcharge.

I. R. on 1-cent green, red surcharge, inverted.

I. R. on 1-cent green, red surcharge, block type.

I. R. on 2-cent carmine, blue surcharge.

I. R. on 2-cent carmine, blue surcharge, inverted.

$5.00 blue, periodical, red surcharge, reading up.

$5.00 blue, periodical, red surcharge, reading down.

Document (regular issue):

½-cent orange.

½-cent gray.

1-cent pale blue.

2-cent carmine.

3-cent dark ultramarine.

4-cent pale rose.

5-cent lilac.

10-cent dark brown.

25-cent maroon.

40-cent violet.

50-cent slate-violet.

80-cent (?)

$1.00 green.

$3.00 brown-lilac.

$5.00 red.

$10.00 black.

$50.00 bistre-brown.

Proprietary (regular issue):

⅛-cent yellow-green.

¼-cent gray-brown.

⅜-cent orange.

⅜-cent ultramarine.

1-cent green.

1¼-cent plum.

1¼-cent dark violet.

1¼-cent gray-lilac.

1⅞-cent (?)

2-cent violet-brown.

2½-cent lake.

3¾-cent (?)

4-cent purple.

5-cent orange-brown.

There are other varieties of color reported but nothing authentic.

Portugal, according to newspaper report, is very low financially, even repudiating to some extent by arbitrarially declaring lower rates of interest on her out-standing bonds, and is evidently trying to "raise the wind" from us poor collectors, as new issues are reported for all her colonies, bearing the design and values of the home series.

Some countries in the far east seem to have a mania for surcharges (it may be the climate). Will it ever stop?

I see by the different papers that Scott has decided not to issue a new catalogue until next spring or summer. This is a more sensible time, to my notion, for it to come out. I hope they will continue to publish each summer hereafter. Where catalogue comes in the summer, as a dealer it gives me a chance during the dull season to check up my approval sheet stock and arrange my sheets. As it is now there is an annual loss in the selling of stamps at old prices to the value of many times the price of a book.

TO DETERMINE CANCELLED STAMPS.

How can you find out whether a stamp has been used or not? At present many fine unused stamps are offered for sale at a remarkably low figure, but they are in most cases pen-marked specimens cleansed and offered for sale.

These in nine cases out of ten come from abroad and are cleansed by means of chemicals and absorption.

Chemically cleansed stamps are stamps cleansed by means of acids and bleaching compound that are a secret to many and known only to the student of chemistry, the most simple process being done by soaking the stamp or stamps in a solution of lime and acetic acid, but this only works well on but few black inks used in cancelling stamps by a pen-mark, different methods and receipts being used for different inks.

The absorption process is done by soaking the stamp in a solution of caustic soda and while damp placed on a blotter and put under great pressure,

the soda softens the cancelling ink and it is drawn from the stamp by the blotter; this only removes the ink, leaving a faint stain on the stamp, which is the oil used in the cancelling ink, the stamp is next put through another process which takes out the oil and leaves it apparently uncancelled. But is it uncancelled? To the casual observer, yes, and even to the one who examines the stamp with a microscope, but there are two agents yet to be consulted, and neither of these fail to show the stamp a fraud, but instead just what it is, a cancelled stamp cleansed and made up for the occasion. These are the camera, and the same method used to clean them, chemicals. First, let us see what the camera will do.

If you have a suspicious stamp and want to find out whether it has been used or not photograph it. If the postmark has been obliterated the color of the stamp will not make any impression on the plate, while the black traces of the postmark will appear with great clearness. Even when the stamp has been well washed or cleaned, and no trace of the obliteration can be seen by the naked eye or through the microscope, the photograph will show very clearly the two concentric circles of the stamp, the date and even the locality. This does not in any way injure the stamp as the second method which is more precise.

It consists of plunging the stamp for a few seconds into a boiling solution of five grains of caustic potash in 100 cubic centimetres of a mixture of equal parts of water and alcohol. The color of the stamp disappears completely; it is then washed in water, next in water acidulated with acetic acid, then in water again, and lastly carefully dried. On the discolored face of the stamp the cancellation marks can be discerned very plainly. This process is more sensitive than the preceeding.

Two stamps which indeed had not disclosed anything by the photographic method showed, after the treatment by potash, traces of obliteration. The only inconvenience of this method is that it changes the stamp which the experiment by photography does not disturb, so it is wise not to try this unless the photographic trial has given no result. When the stamp proves to be a good one we shall certainly regret our curiosity.

Another method of raising the value of a stamp is to change the perforations; say we have a stamp perforated eleven and one-half and catalogued at six cents while the same stamp perforated fourteen is catalogued seven dollars. To change the eleven and a half perforations to fourteen is but the work of a few minutes, and yet when carefully done deceives the average collector, if not the expert. Ten cents will buy enough material to change the perforations of several thousand stamps, which is no more nor less than a can or ordinary potash. The stamps are soaked in a weak solution of this a few minutes and then passed under a roller and dried, the potash shrinking the paper so that the size of the perforations is reduced. To illustate this place a square inch of paper in a strong solution of the above, and in a half hour or less it will be one-half inch square, and if left several hours will entirely disappear. This is a good way to make invisible stamps, but unfortunately they cannot be made visible again.—Stamps.

Some queer signatures appear on the register at the stamp exhibit, and not a few talented poets have left specimens of their genius. For instance, one "poem" reads as follows:

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President's Address.

Fellow members, N. P. S.: Let every member make himself a committee of one to secure another member. We are now the largest state society in existence, having over two-hundred members, one of the best monthly papers for official organ (in both size and quality), and have a fine exchange department. The August number of the Philatelic West was the only official organ I have ever seen containing a report from every officer of the society. Among our other good points we have a good surplus in the treasury. Why can't we get every collector in the state to join?

The Trans-Mississippi Exposition is over, and along with it our stamp exhibit. While nothing wonderful, our exhibit was however quite creditable, particularly as only five collectors succeeded in getting stamps ready. A list of the awards will be found in another column. Respectfully.

F. W. ROTHERY.

Secretary's Report.

NEW MEMBERS. 192, R. Dana Osterhout, David City; 193, Dan E. De Putron, Box 973, Lincoln; 194, Harry K. Shutt, Hastings; 195, C. E. Moreland, 1562 North Seventeenth street, Omaha.

APPLICATIONS.

196. Campbell Fleming, Schuyler; reference, R. L. Payne.

197. H. R. Williams, Omaha; reference, F. Rothery.

198. T. G. Saunders, Omaha.

199. A. Truesdell, Fremont; reference, O. H. Sturman.

200. H. T. Parker, Wilsonville; reference, R. A. Burns.

REISSUED MEMBERSHIP.

113. A. B. Whitmer, Tecumseh.
116. R. L. Payne, Schuyler.
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119. S. H. Hoyt, Omaha.
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Neumann has the sales department going fine, but the demand is greater than the supply. If you have any fine duplicate stamps, it will pay you to place them there. I have already had big returns from my books, and they have been out less than a month.

Why not form a branch among yourselves? It only takes six and makes it much more interesting.

W. B. Hopson and myself wish the names of all collectors residing in Nebraska. You can't send too many. There are hundreds we have not got. It would pay all readers to get a copy of his book, and he offers it to you at the low price of five cents, if sent to him at once. Ask your postmaster or collectors if they know of any other

collectors and help swell the list. If at a neighboring town or city, the postmaster can generally tell you if their are any collectors there.

Have formed a local branch here at Superior with the following temporary officers: President, Ray King: vice-president, N. Hick; secretary, Brody; superintendent and auction manager, F. J. Mackey; librarian, C. Hahn. Who will be next to form a society?

Let each member try to get one new member before the year closes.

L. T. BRODSTONE.

Exchange Department.

Number of books received to date, 11; value of books, $118.17; number retired, 2; value, $12.92; number of books still in circulation, 9; value, $105.25.

I have still the same complaint—not enough books in the department to supply the demand. U. S. especially requested. Hoping to receive many books, and requests for stamps, I remain. Yours in upbuilding the N. P. S. ROLLIE NEUMANN.

Committee Report.

Members N. P. S. Our stamp exhibit is now over. S. Mortenson, L. T. Brodstone and S. P. Hughes were appointed judges of awards, of which the following is a list:

U. S. revenues, first prize, W. F. Hendricks.

U. S. revenues, second prize, F. W. Rothery.

U. S. postage, first prize, T. G. Saunders.

U. S. postage, second prize, W. F. Hendricks.

Fifty rarest stamps, F. W. Rothery.

Best exhibit of foreign, E. W. Fitt.

Honorable mention:

Norway, Denmark and Sweden. A. Hedwall.

Stamp map. Evans.

Stamp plate. S. Mortenson.

Counterfeits. Nebraska Philatelic Society.

Nebraska stamp publications complete. L. T. Brodstone.

Badges and membership cards, philatelic societies. L. T. Brodstone.

As we can be of no further use to the society, we ask to be discharged as a committee. Respectfully.

W. F. HENDRICKS, Chairman.
F. W. ROTHERY, Sec-Treas.
S. MORTENSON.

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F. E. Swanson, Aurora, Neb.: I am pleased with the result, and have orders to keep me busy for some time to come.

J. Gibson, Jr., Ingersoll, Canada: Your paper is a gem. Received a lot of replies to my small notice, and sold a good many dollars' worth.

Even the exchange department pays better than page ads in some papers. W. F. Slusser of Mexico writes: Received over fifty answers and still they come. Who can beat this for less than two weeks and from an exchange column?

E. V. Bragdon, Bayonne, N. J.: I am pleased with paper, and it is certainly the best paper I ever received.

D. E. Hazen, president of the P. S. of A., "The Largest Stamp Society in the World:" I enjoy reading your Camera department, being a fiend

somewhat, and think your paper the best published for the money.

G. W. Hicks, Mitchell, Canada: I can conceive of nothing better than having a Camera department, as so many philatelists are camera fiends; and as I am both, I can't do without your paper.

H. McConnell, Talcott, Mich.: If you expand the PHILATELIC WEST very much more, you will have to call it the Philatelic Balloon or Bladder. Not that I mean it is filled with gas, as some others are. The bowels are all right and of the clear stuff. Keep right on smoking.

That any of our readers may try its merits, I will offer one inch at 50 cents, or $1 for one-fourth page, if cash is sent with copy. Remember, we offer to compare circulations with any philatelic monthly.

Received with thanks: Auction catalogue of B. L. Drew, and Tuttle's last one, the latter being the largest seen this year, and printing the largest edition. Price lists of Crowell, Lowe, Lindig and Dewey Stamp Co. Sample photos from Self-Toning Co., which it will pay any reader to send for. Ward's price lists; his ad appears on another page. He is the leader in Chicago for fine work, especially on photo buttons.

W. B. Hopson already has over 1000 names for his address book of Nebraska collectors, and if they keep coming that number may be doubled. It will pay any reader to get one, or, better, have an ad or exchange notice in it.

Robie's book, Stamp Hunting, still leads. Even the Red Socks came. I had the pleasure of seeing them while in Chicago. Wish him the best of luck. What is next on the bill of fare?

The Queen City Stamp Co. say their ad last month should have read 8-cent lemon and rich orange.

Our friend Pierce, 191 Clark street, Chicago, leads with entire envelopes of the Columbian Exposition. He has all styles, sizes and dates. There are no others like them in the world.

We are at all times glad to see good manuscript on stamps, as the editor alone cannot supply all the reading matter. I am of the same opinion as French of the *Evergreen*, who says in the January number that he does not wish ordinary correspondence from cities, that being mostly personal matter, and practically the same thing to be seen in a number of papers.

Hastings collectors have their society located in rooms over the Gazette office, and have elected the following officers: President, J. A. Kennedy; vice-president, C. Hinzel; secretary, M. A. Beal; auction manager, H. K. Shutt; librarian, W. Fleming. The names of officers published last month were of the temporary organization.

Our friend A. S. Russell of Brisbane, Queensland, has kindly sent a copy of the Sportsman, and see that it states that the success of the concert given for the hospital fund was certainly due to him and the scenery that he especially painted. He is deserving of great credit.

H. W. Boers of Detroit, Mich., has sent me some of the finest pictures I have had the pleasure of seeing, and it is no wonder his city is considered such a fine convention city. I hope the Nebraska winds may blow me that way next year, as the stamp meetings are all there in '99.

I have a few back numbers of our first volume, and can send half a dozen different ones for five cents. I have kept no copies of the numbers published this year, and they are hard to get. I offer a free subscription for Vol. I, No. 1.

Many thanks for clippings sent me. Would be pleased to receive others.

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COUNTERFEITS.

Mr. Jos. F. Burnett, F. C. S., writes a valuable classification of the different methods of detecting counterfeits for the *Philatelist's Supplement to the Bazaar*.

There are numerous counterfeits that to an old collector are easy, yet they deceive one who has never seen the orignals. This article mentions seven points that will enable anybody to spot lots of bad stamps with the aid of a catalogue.

FIRST. The manner of printing is almost always different. If the catalogue lists a stamp as line engraved and a lithographed copy is offered, it is certain that the lithograph is a counterfeit. He also says that most counterfeits have dividing lines between each stamp. Of course a dividing line is not absolute proof because many genuine stamps have dividing lines.

SECOND. Details of the design. In order to detect anything under this head it is almost necessary to have an orignal copy or a description of the original or counterfeit.

THIRD. Size. Counterfeits often differ in size. Sometimes it is possible to get the size of a particular stamp from some catalogue or article in the stamp papers.

FOURTH. Watermarks. Many counterfeits are not watermarked when the orignals are.

FIFTH. Perforations. It is usually easy to find the correct perforation of a stamp with access to a copy. Counterfeits usually differ in perforation.

SIXTH. Paper. The paper is almost always different.

SEVENTH. Postmarks. There are a few postmarks that are found on numerous counterfeits and the postmarks of any particular country are somewhat alike.

When you wish to determine on a suspicious stamp, find out from other stamps of that country, philatelic papers and the catalogues you have, all you can about the printing, design, size, watermarks, perforation, paper and postmarks. If the stamp in question agrees it is probably good, if there is much difference it is surely bad.

THE ARMY FRANK.

Several papers have chronicled an army frank and several have condemned it. We do not have an exact description at hand but we have heard one kind described as an adhesive label with an incription very much like that on the penalty envelopes.

Now we do not intend to advocate the collection of this frank, but we wish to point out the fact that it is in a way legitimate. We all know the tremendous increase in the business of the war department during the summer. It was impossible to furnish all the military posts and officers with

sufficent penalty envelopes. In many instances the usual phrases on a penalty envelope were written on blank envelopes and did duty as franks.

No matter whether they were authorized or not, such franks are now passing through the mails. What would be the difference between an officer writing the clause, and his having it printed on a slip of paper and pasting it on a blank envelope?

We have seen it stated that Admiral Dewey is a stamp collector.

Revenue stamps part rouletted are chronicled. Owing to the rush of business at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing all kinds of errors may be expected.

BOILED DOWN.

Original and Otherwise.

The postoffice department reports that over 14,000,000 letters and postcards were distributed in the International Sea Postoffice, and only 1,500 errors were reported.

The United States carries double the number of pieces of mail that Great Britain does, and has over 50,000 more postoffices.

There is talk of a 2-cent letter rate between the United States and European countries.

The price of used copies of the new revenues is expected to be about ten per cent of face, the $1 revenue being advertised at 10 cents. We have not yet seen the $50 stamp advertised.

Omaha stamps are in big demand and the dealers can't meet it. We have heard of a few cases when parties paid face for used copies of the 4-cent and higher values. The 1-cent now brings nearly one-half of face. When such cities as Chicago have none on sale, there is something wrong.

Why should not plate numbers be worth as much with the number alone on the stamp, and envelopes cut round be worth as much as those cut square? No dealers or collectors value them the same.

Chicago has a new postmark in two lines, with words, "Delayed Train, Late." Delays were caused by storms and Omaha Exposition.

The 4-cent in the new color looks very neat and pretty.

According to postoffice reports over $2,000,000 worth of Omaha stamps have been sold.

The postoffice department has decided that Hawaiian stamps are to be recognized for the present on articles mailed in Hawaii, whether addressed to the United States or elsewhere.

A large number of the stamps in the Government building at Omaha have faded, the $2.00 Omahas being a different shade from any others we have seen. The $100.00 Newspaper is faded white, and the 3-cent values in purple are changed by the light.

Of the Omahas in entire sheets, we have the following plate numbers: 1-cent, 590; 2-cent, 597; 4-cent, 579; 5-cent, 602; 8-cent, 609; 10-cent, 604; 50-cent, 603; $1.00, 606; $2.00, 613.

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3. Solution to give the brown tone:

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Dissolve and filter.

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Fellow members N. C. C. As the life of any society depends on the activity of its members, let each member secure at least one application to the Camera Club. The secretary will furnish blanks to all who request them.

Now that the summer season is over, more time can be given up to making prints from negatives obtained during the summer months. Most of the members have excellent duplicates, and those wishing to exchange with other members should send their names and addresses to Mr. Brodstone, as the exchange column is for the free use of members.

If you have any camera friends not members of the club, kindly send the secretary a list of such names, that he may send them a copy of the WEST.

Try and get at least one new member, and if you wish to exchange prints with other members, do not forget to write the secretary, with list, size and make of camera, paper used, and kind of prints desired in return. Very truly, S. P. HUGHES.

Secretary's Report.

I would like to have all readers who have cameras send me a list of subjects they have to exchange, size, etc. I would also be pleased to receive any hints or suggestions.

Can any reader tell me whether camera supplies are high in Mexico, and whether they are hard to obtain?

Mages pictures of the Maine were the best of all at the camera exhibit at Omaha.

I would be pleased to receive the names of all parties you know of who have cameras or kodaks.

At the Chicago jubilee camera people were in evidence around the electric arch the nights it did not rain. More plates were spoiled the day of the parade than any day this year, I believe.

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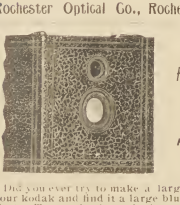


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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

The subject of our illustration this month is John Hulme Lowe, of Toronto, Canada.

Mr. Lowe was born in Philadelphia, Pa., and went to Toronto, when very young, and has lived there ever since, with the exception of the year 1897, when he was in England. he has been a collector since he was 10 years old, and is a brother of George A. Lowe, who is the oldest dealer in Toronto, and publisher of the *Toronto Philatelic Journal*, in 1885, and the *International Philatelist* in 1894. John Hulme Lowe, published the *Toronto Stamp* in 1894.

His office is opposite the general postoffice, on the ground floor, where you will see stamps, coins, ect., displayed in the window.

He is a member of the Dominion Philatelic Association, and Secy. of the Philatelic Club, of Toronto. He is also a member of The United Amateur Press Association.

His pen has produced some good stamp articles.

Visitors to Toronto, would do well to call and see him. He has a neat card giving views of the main sights of the city. A good thing for other dealers to have in their cities.

COLLECTING THINGS.

There rings in my ear a pretty German jingle:

"Ein rabe schleppte tausend Dinge
Gold, Glass Korallen, Perlin, Ringe."

I never knew what I learned it for till now. It will serve as a fitting introduction to what I have to say. Here is a free translation:

A raven slipt a thousand things
Gold, coral beads, and glass and rings,
Into a corner where he slept
"Why do you gather these, old Chappy?
These things which never make you happy?
A rooster asked, who watched him close.
"Dont know myself," answered the raven,
"I took 'em just to have 'em, have 'em."

How much a child is like the raven! The boys pocket, the lady's purse, the old maids drawer are proof positive of human nature's predisposition to collect something.

Parents, encourage your boy, encourage your girl to collect something. No matter what it may be,—the child will turn out well. God pity the lad or lassie who is born without this precious gift! Like true love it grows stronger by opposition, unless it be entirely crushed out,

With a little help from his parents, the child who starts a collection will become enthusiastic. Did you ever see

anyone who was enthusiastic? Do you know what it is to be enthusiastic? What does it mean? God in you. With God's help you can do something. The man who is enthusiastic does something.

Darwin tells us in his autobiography how much enthusiasm he displayed when collecting beetles It is so different from anything you would expect from him, I take the liberty of quoting. Life and Letter of Charles Darwin, by his Son. (Appleton & Co. 1898) Page 43:

"But no persuit at Cambridge was followed with nearly so much eagerness or gave me so much pleasures as collecting beetles. It was the mere passion for collecting, for I did not dissect them and rarely compared their external characters with published descriptions, but got them named anyhow. I will give a proof of my zeal: One day, on tearing off some old bark, I saw two rare beetles, and seized one in each hand; then I saw a third and new kind, which I could not bear to lose, so I popped the one which I had in my right hand into my mouth. Alas! it ejected some intensely acrid fluid, which burnt my tongue so that I was forced to spit the beetle out, which was lost as was the third one."

When I was very young I collected things. Buttons, blocks pieces of cloth, and later pebbles, fossils arrowheads and stamps became my prey. What did it amount to? It taught me to observe, compare, classify;—in a word, Science. And last and best of all, it taught Philately.

When I was about five years old, my father kept a news stand. The large red and blue stamps on the packages of newspapers, were very attractive to me and I collected them. Had I been asked what I was going to do with them, the raven's answer would have been my answer. I had a lot of them and when I first began to really collect stamps, how happy I was to find an older schoolmate who stood ready to give me 35 cents worth of "foreign" in exchange for each one of them. What if I had kept them till today!

A short time after this I stayed all night with an old friend who slept in a bank. We went down into the basement and there were barrels and barrels of old envelopes with treasury stamps on them. I collected as many as I could get. I knew nothing of their value, but as luck would have it, got one complete set. The duplicates went off in company with the big newspaper stamps.

What if I were turned loose in such a bank basement today!

My father's life was almost co-extensive with this century, begining in 1810. What if he had saved all his old letters and stamps for me, as I am saving mine today! I know of a half dozen that would buy me a farm.

I am glad stamp collecting is here. I am glad it has come to stay. I prophesy that it will soon be on a firm scientific basis and be taught in our public schools. It will become a necessary adjunct to the teaching of history and geography. From experience I can say that my children, a girl of 8 and a boy of 10 have learned more geography in two years, from their stamps than I did from the book.

I wish the science were now taught in the schools. It is studied in them, as many teachers know to their sorrow, and others do not know at all.

In our Sunday school each Sabbath I notice a very interested group of boys, and peeping in I notice that they have some approval sheets which they are discussing just before class-time. Yes, the infection is spreading and 1900 will see many added to the ranks of stamp collectors.

Our boys and girls who study Biology, who learn to read the life history of the ameba, hydra, earthworm, turtle, bird ect., become kind to animals and would

no more "needlessly set foot upon a worm" than they would tread upon their fellows.

They become better men and women, better citizens. And so, "I would not number 'mongst my list of friends, him who would needlessly" tear a stamp in two, be it only a common "two." He who throws an Omaha into the waste basket seems a barbarian indeed.

Therefore I appeal to each one who reads this to see to it, that he gets some little boy or girl to collecting stamps. Donate, say a hundred stamps, arranged nicely in a little album or on sheets; accompany it with a small catalogue and a kind word, and you have acquired a friend who will live to bless your memory.

THE USES OF SOME CANADIAN STAMPS.

As it is not universally known by stamp collectors the reason why some Canadian stamps were issued I think that this list of a few of our Canadian stamps, will prove interesting to the majority of Philatelists.

CANADA.

The twelve penny black, is exceedingly scarce as every one knows. It was issued for postage to India, and is said by some, to be an error, as the Postal Rates were ten pence

The seventeen cent blue of 1860, was issued for postage to India, also.

The twelve and one-half cent, of the same year was used for letters to Great Britain.

The two cent pink, was issued to prepay soldiers letters to great Britain.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The two cent New Brunswick was issued to prepay soldiers letters to Great Britain.

NOVIA SCOTIA.

The two cent Novia Scotia was also issued to prepay soldiers letters to Great Britain

The eight and half cent was for letters to Newfoundland.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

The thirteen Newfoundland, was issued for letters to Great Britain.

JOHN HULME LOWE.

THE SUBSTITUTE

AN ODE TO THIS BELOVED SECT.

There's a fiend in our land,
A fiend fierce to dispute;
Who steals the stamps of moral man,
His name is substitute.

He writes with excellent pen,
He writes from city and village;
And sends for stamps of every kind,
That from them he may pillage.

Clutched in his lanky red right hand,
He holds a gaudy reprint;
Whose showy face which give,
The taint of the counterfeit.

Presently he detaches a fair rare stamp,
To satisfy his collection greedy;
But chiefly to another dealer sell,
And its place he puts the reprint audy.

Send, send, us your rare U. S.,
And make us light and frisky;
Send, send, and we will bless thy means.
Thou good king of stamp and cinches.

Send, send they cry send us stamps,
Send us your rarest stuff;
We'll substitute as fast as you can fill,
Your fine unexcelled approval books.

All thus oppressed by grief and debts,
Of the substitute the fiend,
The sample copy fiend, the never answer fiend,
And all other agents of the fiend of fiends.

Should embrace redress by law,
And by some master stroke;
Steal a march on such splaun,
Even if their pocket book is broke.

And when the fiend hears the roar,
Slightly merrily he laugheth;
And packs his valise, for parts unknown,
And his own skill he praiseth.

It harm would come to this evil pest,
It would drive away our sadness;
And light our sunken spirits,
And fill our hearts with gladness.

JOHN HULME LOWE.

ITEMS FROM HASTINGS.

A local dealer advertised for Omaha's in a theatrical program not long since, I have not heard what success he had but consider it would be a paying as well as unique place to put a stamp ad.

Speaking of paying investments, I must say that a stamp which will soon command a higher price than present is the 5 cent (beaver) 1859 of Canada, Speculators and dealers are rapidly "cornering" this stamp.

It may be interesting to know that the Chinese who claim to have used moveable type thousands of years before any other nation, today print their paper from a litograpic stone each column of which has been written by the editor upon the stone.

A Hastings philatelist had a hard time in finding Mr. Estes the Omaha dealer while visiting the exposition in that city. His advice, and it is good to follow, is to go straight down Harney till you reach 9th St. Do not try the reverse.

It seems that Hastings Philatelists have a little more "push" than those of other Nebraska cities, while she boasts but twenty-three collectors yet they have banded together and formed a club renting a suite of rooms and prepared at any time to receive visitors.

If you ever stop at Hastings make your way to the rooms they are centrally located, on one of the principal business streets, Hastings Avenue, as a further aid in finding them they are over the Democrat printing office.

The Asylum for the Chronic Insane at Hastings, boasts one stamp collector, this does not help philately any, however, as the collector is hopelessly insane. The collection is very complete in early foreign and U. S. issues mounted in an early French album but the mental disarrangement is shown by the many reprints and crude fac-similes which adorn the pages.

A collector in this city has several of the high values of Canada Jubilees cancelled with the same post mark and retaining full original gum. Now this collector is wondering if the government cancelled them and sold them at a discount in this condition or whether they actually paid postage on a package without being attached to that package. He got them of a dealer at one half face.

The small boy collector has caused dealers much amusement; one of the latest was to a local dealer who upon request for a Confederate stamp had sent one on approval at the net price of 20 cents. The return of the assortment brought with it the terse sentence "I don't care to invest so much as 20 cents in one stamp, thank you" The dealer is still wondering what that "thank you" meant.

Perhaps there is no better investment, at present, than the current war revenues. Their colors are unsatisfactory, many of them fade easily and in many cases two values have colors so near the same that, at a distance, they appear of the same values. Shades and, in some cases, several distinct colors of the same values have been found, the proprietary set are rife in these differences. The ⅛ cent is found in light yellow green and in the dark green of the one cent, the ¼ cent has been seen in at least, three shades, the ⅜ cent comes in lemon and rich orange, the ⅝ has been found in light as well as dark blue, the one cent has been found in yellow green light blue green and dark green, the 1¼ in plum, blue purple and rich reddish purple. The other values are not as plentiful in varieties as the smaller denominations but I must mention that the four cent has been seen in a blue shade as well as in purple.

These minor differences, so common now, will one day be eagerly sought for by revenue specialists and he who lays in a supply of these stamps now, will be the gainer.

There is also some talk of perforating the current revenues and as the color changes are also in view, our next set will be different in color and in perforation, the department will be in no especial rush to supply any great demand and therefore we may expect a change in appearance, for the better in workmanship.

It will pay every collector to complete his set of revenue in shade and color, if he does not, sometime in the future he will pay fancy prices for stamps he can now get for face.

In view of the fact that the Trans-Mississippi and International Exhibition which so lately closed a successful year at Omaha is to be extended covering a period of six months for the coming year why cannot the thousands of collectors of America arrange for the erection of a special stamp building.

The building could be erected at the cost of but a few cents from each collector, it would have a seating capacity of about 200 accomodating stamp conventions and philatelic meetings around the sides of the structure could be arranged stamp exhibits from the collections of philatelists throughout the world and the running expenses and part of subscribers could be repaid by the rental of space to dealers. The past year has been one of war and consequently one of less interest in the exposition, the coming one will be a year of jubilation for the victory of American arms. For the hundreds who visited the Exposition in the past thousands will visit it in '99. Out of every hundred indeed out of every ten there will be one or more philatelists or stamp collectors, these will, of course, take an interest in the stamp exhibit and after the experience of the writer and many other collectors, to his immediate knowledge, will desire to purchase as well as to see stamps; thereby making space in this centrally located building valuable to dealers.

If the Nebraska collectors and dealers take hold of this project and "push it for all it is worth" with the assistance of collectors throughout the United States, will produce a stamp exhibition which will redeem herself, she having been far surpassed by other countries in Philatelic shows in the past.

Hastings boasts one of the largest and the best newspapers collections in the United States. For many years Mr. E. N. Hamen of this city has been building up, with the aid of great labor, time, and expense, a collection of newspapers which, in the alcoves of some museum would give it a world wide fame. The collection consists of 750 varieties in 80 different languages.

Besides collecting the curious and interesting, Mr. Hamen has endeavored to collect the historical Probably the most unique paper he has is a Russian document issued in St Petersburg by a Nihilistic enthusiast. It breathes, threats in every word. Besides being curious, it is valuable. Mr Hamen has been offered the small and insignificant sum of $60 00 by a wealthy Russian of St Louis Mo. for the document.

Mr Hamen also possessed an Irish paper expressing the sentiments of the Liberty Party of that down trodden enslaved people.

Among his varieties are newspapers printed in the Basque language, Native Hawaiian, Burmese, Afganistan, Samese Andulasian, Javanese, Welch.

Mr. Hamen is a wonderful linguist, speaking and writing in seven different languages and with the assistance of his abilities he has managed to amass his splendid collection.

It will pay all [illegible] interested in this branch of collecting, so closely allied to philately, to correspond with Mr. Hamen for mutual benefit.

It was in looking at some of Mr. Hamen's treasures that I first learned to what purpose those Internal revenues which are so common were placed. For the benefit of those who do not already know I will explain.

Each sheet of paper before receiving the imprint, is stamped by a government official who previous to the stamping has examined every line of the paper to see that nothing offensive to the Sultan occurs in its context. When this stamped paper is run through the press it receives imperial of equal low type setting as a confirmation. Each stamp serves a double purpose, as a revenue stamp and again as a sign of approbation.

[illegible] Hastings is the town of [illegible] [illegible] Don't worry friends, no matter how it got [illegible] Don't work a yellow journal scheme on us [illegible]

[illegible] Hastings than [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

PICK UPS

Although [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] are duller than [illegible] [illegible] The coin trade is very light, all [illegible] during the summer months. The Omaha Exposition may have had something to do with this as it brought many [illegible] [illegible] The coin trade seems to be about the same as last year.

Mr. W. H. Hopson has gotten out a revised edition of the old Nebraska Blue Book. I have not seen a copy as yet, but am informed it is out, and contains the name and address of over 1000 active collectors residing in the state. No doubt Mr Hopson will advertise the book for sale at a reasonable price, so that all desiring such a directory may obtain one.

During the past month we have noticed an error in the 20 cent on 15 cent olive Italy, of the 1865 issue, not listed in the catalogue. Scott prices an error, but one not as noticeable as the one in question, which has a badly broken C in the upper left corner. The error was evidently corrected at an early date, as all copies, so far examined, were used in August 1865.

Sometime since we mentioned in these notes of the arrest of Wolle in Long Island and brought back to St. Louis to answer a charge of using the mail for purpose of defrauding stamp dealers. Mr. Wolle operated under the name of H. R. Kaiser, and is the same man formerly operating under the name Smith, Stein, ect., ect. His trial came up in the United States court, Nov. 15. He was found guilty and sentenced to the full extent of the law, 18 months imprisonment and to pay a fine of $500.00. Mekeels Weekly contained a full report of the trial and no doubt many would be frauds are begining to mend their ways, ere they to come to grief.

About a year ago there was a great deal of talk about organizing an association to be made up wholly of western collectors. Owing to the sudden death of Joe F. Beard, and Mr. Shepards absence in Cuba, the matter for the time being was dropped. Now that Mr Shepard has returned the movement seems filled with new life. If such an organization is ever an accomplished fact, it is bound to succeed. One of its aims will be to admit only reliable collectors and those

that are able to furnish satisfactory business references. The one great fault of our present associations seems to be the officers aim to increase the membership, regardless of who the applicant may be. From our own experience we believe that fully one half of the so called collectors holding membership cards in Philatelic associations are frauds, and only joined for the purpose of fleecing brother collectors.

The 1d black Gt. Brit. cataloguing at 10 cts is in the minds of many a rare stamp, so much so that a pair recently sold for $1.50 in a N. Y. auction. European dealers are offering 25 cts each for good copies, and American dealers are not far behind. We know a young fellow in St. Louis with over 800 fine copies, another in Kansas city with 1600, and a waiter here in an Omaha restaurant with over 500. If people over the east have this stamp in corresponding number it is not worth a quarter. While speaking of holding stamps this same Missouri collector has over 1000 copies of the 541847,400 of the 10 cts and the small number of 40,904180, mostly unused. When we met him he was carrying a dozen or so loose in a small note book and a perfect copy with original gum had stuck fast to one of the leaves. Its such sights as these that almost disgust us with collecting, especially so when their owners refuse to sell even a single copy. When we are fortunate enough to get two copies of a desirable stamp we can never rest until the heart of some fellow collector is made glad by the possession of the other copy.

ADAM DOLLARD.

MY ALBUM.

About a year and a half ago I started to collect stamps, and of course needed an album in which to place them and after looking at several kinds of books used by other collectors I came to the conclusion that a cheap International album ($1.50) would do for me a couple of years. But it did not. I did not have 400 varieties before I noticed that I was collecting quite a large lot of stamps for which there were no spaces in the book. About that time I had just got a 57th catalogue, which helped me a great deal to prove that the stamps for which there were no spaces were actual postage stamps, but the catalogue did not cover all the ground which I should have liked it to have done, I still had more than a dozen stamps that were not mentioned and the only thing to do with them was to hang them on the edge of the page controlled by that country until further information could be obtained. In the course of ten or twelve months I accumulated somewhere near one thousand varieties, and among them had fully one hundred which were not mentioned in the album or catalogue. It was then that a brilliant idea occurred to me, and I right away put it into use. I took all the stamps out of my album and then sent it to a bookbindery and had it inter-leaved throughout, one blank sheet of thick board paper bound between every two pages of the printed album. It made a thick and imposing volume when finished, but as the cover in which it was bound was morrocco it had a solid appearance. On the blank pages I hung in any order that my fancy took the stamps which I had taken from the printed squares, and place on the printed pages any duplicates that I get. Everyone who has seen my album is pleased with the innovation of it, and some are and have copied it. Since the invention is not patented in all parts of the world, it would be a good investment for some dealer in albums to have a few specially rebound, unless the loose sheets could be procured from the publishers, in a cheap style of leather binding. B.

LIBRARY CORNER,

The current 4 5-6 10 cent stamps being out in new shades. The 15 cent blue is reported to change to olive green and to be a "stunner"

The ½ 1 2 10 cents Documentary are reported to be out in a part Rouletted state

The 5cent 2 cent Documentary also reported being seen perforated 12 word comes from Washington that the whole set may be out in a perforated state before long.

Our War stamps' seem to be very prolific; so far 43 varieties have been reported. This is only another affirmative answer to that oft repeated statements that it is always wisest and best to buy new issues as soon as out.

March 1st 1899 begins the new contract for furnishing stamped envelopes and wrappers to our Govt, by the Morgan Plimpton Co of Hartford Conn. Orders will be 1 ct green 2 c Carmine 5 ct blue: the foreign postal is reported being out in 2 ct black on cream instead of blue as before.

Gibralter has changed her stamps once more. They will read pence and shilling once more instead of "Centimos"

It is reported the Mexican stamps are now received on porous wove paper unwatermarked.

Hungarian stamps are reported as having the watermark changed from the "K R" to Crown in Circle.

The commemorative stamp of Netherland has been recalled to be substituted by another although a very pretty stamp some fault was found by the queen hence the change

Italy will have a new issue with King Humberts portrait as he now appears.

Portugal has issued to all of her colonies a new set of stamps. The design is the same as the mother country the values and color the same for each colony. About 140 varieties are included

Canada again not to be out-done by the United States will issue a 4 pence stamp, Christmas, to commemorate the reduction of their postage rates. It will be a multi-colored stamp with a miniture map of the world as a central piece.

From all reports the Omaha's seem to be destined to be the most sought after and command the best prices of any issues for a long while.

Circumstances were such that the Govt. did not print the amount first determined on.

BOILED DOWN

Original and otherwise.

St. Lucia, 2 pence, orange and blue was in circulation only a week, and originals on cover are bringing good poices.

High value Omahas are becoming scarce, and bring close to face value, in used condition

New issues for Turkey and Italy are expected soon.

Souvenir postal cards are getting in demand more and more each month, they make a neat collection, those of Germany being fine, also those advertised by Kropp.

A New York firm expect to issue the Providence stamp, by reprinting from the original plate.

The special delivery stamp of Canada, does not seem to take well.

The Birmingham society seems to be the leader in England, having 241 members in all parts of the world. The thanks of the society are due to Secy. G. Johnson.

They also hold a stamp exhibit this month. The Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser is the official organ.

The death of the S. S. S S. is a true sign of the times, for nothing in philatelic lines is more in demand now than new issues.

The U. S. Treasury department is considering issuing revenue stamps for insurance and express companies.

The Governor of New Zealand, Lord Ranfurly, is reported as being an ardent philatelist.

The following stamps have been counterfeited: Argentine, 24 pesos, green; Bavaria, 2 kr. pale lilac; Geneva envelope; Prince Edward Islands, all of '72 issue except 3c rose, and 3c blue of '65.

It is reported the remainders of the Porto Rico stamps were sold at public auction October 15 h.

The 2c Documentary, printed on bank checks, are similar in design to those used from '60 to '83. Only one variety and color (yellow) has been seen.

The Hawaiian stamps exhibited at Omaha Exposition, have been sent east to be sold

Klondyke stamps are being sold in the east, which are reported as fakes

Souvenir cards can be sent to Europe at same rate of other postal cards, by a new ruling of the P. O, department. The old rate was the same as letter, 5 cents. or postage due at double rates if only 2 cents had been put on.

Barte's of Washington, D. C., states that Bureau officials of P. O. Department claim there are no U. S. stamps on different varieties of paper, the same paper being used for years. He also states a quantity of inverted 2c I. R. are being counterfeited at Hastings Neb.

Virgin Islands will issue a new set of stamps soon.

The Xmas (?) stamps of Canada must have remembered "the early bird catches the worm," and in view of that fact made their debut about two weeks in advance of time. Canada is given undue prominence on the map which adorns the stamp As all know, the meridian lines of the earth grow narrower as they near the poles; the designer of the Xmas stamps did not take this into consideration, and also I suppose, he was a patriotic "cuss," and Canada is given undue prominence having been broadened out until it is about the ratio of 16 to 1 in comparison with the U. S whereas in fact it is only about twice as large. Changes in color and alterations in designs are announced for it also and as the first print was not large It will be well to get a specimen at once

FACTS ABOUT POSTAGE STMPS

It is barely fifty years since this convenience was introduced into the United States. The stamp is a little older in England. When first introduced, postage stamps were sold in solid sheets. Of course, a great many were wasted in the effort to tear them apart when there were no perforations. Indeed, the loss and inconvenience was so great that the government offered a liberal reward for a patent which would overcome the difficulty.

The first machine submitted was one which cut the stamps nearly, but entirely apart. While the Post Office Department was considering this machine the idea of perforating the sheets in rows each way was offered and promptly accepted. Nothing better has been sought.

There was a time when better paper and mucilage was used, and when the printing was an improvement upon the present stamps, but since we have learned that a damp sponge is fully as good as the tongue in preparing the stamps for adhesion, the quanity of the materials used becomes of importance.

The number of postage stamps used

for the year ending June 30, 1891, exclusive of money order business, was $61,065,203.87. Of this $41,432,129.50 came from letter postage. The bulk of this is, of course, in 2 cent stamps, and it is safe to put the whole number of this denomination used at more than 2,000,000,000 per annum.

Last year there were over 2[illegible] pieces sent by special delivery, and it is interesting to note that the average time consumed in the delivery of each parcel after it reaches the post office of the addressee was only twenty minutes.

Kate Field's Washington.

Local stamps are, as the word signifies, stamps whose use is limited to the place in which they are issued. They may be for use in cities only as were many of the United States locals. They may be used between the different provinces within a country, as the stamps of the different States of the Colombian Republic. The distinguishing characteristic of all locals is that they are not intended for use in prepaying international postage.

The grille is measured in millimeters. Many of the unused Seebeck issues never leave New York until sold to dealers. They are the surplus in the hands of the contractor when an issue is discontinued at the close of a year.

We cannot furnish all the mss. and would be pleased to see anything to help the collector. No personal or society articles desired. We get all this we need from the other magazines. We want to be different. See.

Between England and America there actually existed 200 years ago what now is little more than the dream of the postal reformer—an ocean penny postage. Yet such is the fact. In 1698 it was custom of the masters of ships bound for America to hang up bags in coffee houses, and any letters that might be dropped into these bags they carried, and were glad to carry, over for 1d. or 2d. a letter, according as it was single or double.—Liverpool Mercury.

NEBRASKA'S PRIDE.



NEBRASKA PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

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President—F. W. Rothery, 2621 Davenport St., Omaha.

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Official Organ—THE PHILATELIC WEST.

PRESIDENTS ADDRESS.

Fellow members, N. P. S.: Let every member make himself a committee of one to secure another member. We are now the largest state society in existance, having over two hnndred members, one of the best monthly papers for official organ (in both size and quality), and have a fine exchange department. The August number of the PHILATELIC WEST was the only official organ I have ever seen containing a report from every officer of the society. Among other good points we have a good surplus in the treasury. Why can't we get every collector in the state to join?

The Trans-Mississippi Exposition is over, and along with it our stamp exhibit. While nothing wonderful, our exhibit was however quite creditable, particularly as only five collectors succeeded in getting stamps ready. A list of the awards will be found in another column. Respectfully,

R. F. ROTHERY.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

NEW MEMBERS.—196. Campbell Fleming, Schuyler; 197, H. R. Williams, Omaha; 198, T. G. Saunders, Omaha; 199, A. Truesdell, Fremont; 200, H. T. Parker. Wilsonville.

APPLICATIONS.

201. C. Garvin, 1756 Leavenworth St. Omaha; Ref. N. T. Thorson.

202. Aug. Albers, Fremont; Ref. Rollie Neuman.

203. Gordon Cummings, 1821 Farnam St. Omaha: Ref. C. Hardin.

204. C. L. Pond, 1009 N. 29th Street. Omaha. Ref. F. Rothery.

205. E. Sayers, 2637 Davenport St. Omaha. Ref. F. Rothery.

REISSUED MEMBERSHIP.

143. B. C. Boehling, Bruno.

145. G. Koehuke, Plattsmouth.

Our small list is on account of coming so close after November number, only a week between.

Have changed printers and hope to be out on time from this on. Printer being cause of delay. We wish the names of all active collectors or camera fiends you know aud any sent me will be glad to receive. If you wish an exchange notice send it along, free to members.

Hopson offers his Blue Book to members at 5c, it contains over 1100 names, pay you to get it.

The Hastings Stamp Club elected new officers as follows. Pres. C. S. Einsel, V. Pres. A. M. Hendee, Secy. Tres., R. Cessna, Ex. Supt. G. Kress. All new officers.

They have 2 dozen members and nice room over Democrat office. Call and see them if in city.

If there are 6 collectors in your city why not form a society and make it more interesting for all.

Remember if a camera fiend or collect-

or you can use both if member of either Neb. Socy. or Camera Club.

Neb. Socy. has no badge or button except those at annual meetings.

B. A. Barrett Librarian of the Neb. Historical Socy. desires complete files of all Neb. papers, relics and etc. and one kept on file in Library Bldg. of State University. Fire proof building. They have just secured the Whitecomb collection of relics which was on display in the Neb. building in the G. A. R. room and would like to have a philatelic room Pleased to have suggestions from members regarding having a philatelic room. If in the city of Lincoln call and see librarian and may get this started.

Hughes is starting a stamp exchange plan of Mekeel for readers of PHILATELIC WEST

Any thing in way of suggestion or way to help the Neb. society or camera club would be pleased to hear from all, and glad to get any names you may send me. If each member will help and make an increase in applications, can lead our national societies and do now, west of the Mississippi Pleased to hear from all members. L. T. BRODSTONE.

LIBRARIANS REPORT.

Owing to press of business, have been unable to receive library from the former librarian till the present time.

Library is now arranged and on file at my office for the use of any N. P. S. members who may wish for references.

The volumes of the different papers are very incomplete: any members having any old Philatelic Literature not wanted will be benefiting the society by contributing such papers to the library.

Have also many duplicates will exchange "even for any number of any paper I have not got, as far as possible will try to answer all letters of inquiry of a Philatelic nature providing stamps for return postage is enclosed. Would like to have all Philatelic papers. Send copy. Each issue of their papers to be filed in the library. Will exchange by sending our Official organ the "PHILATELIC WEST."

So far I beg to acknowledge the re receipt of The New York Philatelist; Perforator; Rocky Mountain Stamp; Postal Card Reporter; Evergreen State Philatelist. Also auction catalogues of Geo. R. Tuttle, R. F. Albrecht, Bogert & Durbin Co., will try to have all catalogues of any stamp sales of the season on hand time enough that any members "especially in the city" who care to purchase stamps in this manner may look over same and forward bids.

In reorganizing this arm of the society, I am trying to make it what the library of every society should be, a Bureau of Information, and not simply a name.

For this reason each month I shall run a corner in the PHILATELIC WEST, giving notes and comments, of Current Topics condensed from papers rec'd by library regarding Philately which I hope will be read and appreciated by our members.

Thanking all members of the N. P. S. for honoring me with the office of Librarian. I remain, Yours Fraternally

W. C. ESTES.

9th and Harney Omaha Neb.

SALES SUPERINTENDANT REPORT.

Number of books to date 17. Value of books $166.28. Number returned 4. Value of books retired $31.20. number of books still in Sept 13 value $135.08.

Members there is lots of room for more books in Dept and I hope in the near future to recieve books from each one. I have plenty of blank exchange books (5c each stamps accepted) so send in your order.

Hoping to hear from each one of you soon I remain yours in N. P. S.

ROLLIE NEUMAN.

Ex Supt.

THE TRANS-MISSISSIPPI PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Owing to my hurried and unexpected departure for the south, this matter of a western society was for a time sadly neglected, but now we are ready to take up the work and push it to completion.

Below is a list of applications received also such nominations as have been suggested.

Nominations received before Nov. 29th will be printed in the next issue of this paper, after which an election will be held.

Application blanks can be secured of me.

R. L. SHEPARD
2004 Wirt St Omaha Neb.

APPLICATIONS.

1. S. P. Huges, Howe, Neb
2. Roy B. Bradley, Waco, Texas.
3. W. D. Green, Beaver City, Nebr.
4. J. P. Green " " "
5. C. H. Ayers " " "
6. B. C. Smith " " "
7. R. L. Shepard, 2004 Wirt St Omaha Nebr.
8. K. D. Steere, Iowa City, Iowa
9. S. W. Hacker Auburn Nebr.
10. Chas A. Nippell, Niobrara, Nebr
11. G. C. Doehling, Bruno, Nebr.
12. L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Nebr
13. R. W. French The Dalles, Ore.
14. O. K. Carstarphen P. O. box 734 Denver Colo.
15. Joseph S. Davis, 1460 Pearl St Denver, Colo.
16. R. W. Gottesleben, box 571 Denver Colo.
17. J. E. Zohn, 829 17th St Denver, Colo
18. V. Lusa, Clarkson, Nebr.
19. Fred B. Woolston, Wayne, Nebr.
20. Ernest W. Jakobs 242 Stockton St. San Francisco, Calif.
21. Jas. A. Kennedy, Hastings, Neb.
22. Ross Stuckey, Columbus, Kans.
23. Jas. L. Weber, Osborne, Kans.
24. L. T. Stephenson, Chat, Calif.
25. Edw. F. Carter, Keokuk, Iowa.
26. John Arbtin, Des Moines, Iowa.
27. W. L. Stafford, Durango, Colo.
28. Joe Henderson, Columbus, Neb.
29. Frank C. Moore, 1811 W. 5th Ave Spokane, Wash.
30. F. F. Welles, 818 9 Equitable Bldg. Denver, Col.
31. Alfred L. Hunt, 633 E. Colfax, Ave. Denver, Colo.
32. Chas. J. Leonard, in care of Continental Oil Co, Denver Colo.

NOMINATIONS

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Vice-Presiden t:—Fred B. Woolston

Secretary:—Roy B. Bradley, S. P. Hughes.

Board of directors:—O. K. Carstorphen, Jos. S. Davies, J. E. Zohn, Denver.

NOTES ON STAMPS

The current set of Hungary are appearing in new shades. This is very distinct in the two cent especially.

The two pence of 1872 issue of South Australia has appeared on vertically laid paper. This specimen is uncatalogued.

Collecting of railway letter stamps is popular in England. They charge on all letters mailed at the train instead of the P. O., while here, no charge is made

A collector recently received a ½ cent orange Documentary revenue on a letter without the usual Postage Due stamp annexed. An offer of $3 00 for this envelope with stamp on was refused. Probably this stamp was mistaken for the 4 cent Omaha, because of the similarity of color.

U. S. 1890 2 cent red with cap on right appears to be very scarce; as one collector who holds three copies has refused a cash offer of $5.00 for each copy. I recently found two copies among a lot of stamps given me by some friends.

JOHN PELZ.

THE PHILATELIC WEST AND CAMERA NEWS.

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STAMPED ENVELOPES.

A new and cheaper schedule of stamped envelopes will go into effect January 1. Third quality envelopes will not be supplied after that date. It is not known whether the present method of designating sizes will be changed or not. The present issue of envelopes has had three schedules of prices. The first schedule (Oct. 1 1886) numbered and named each size; no designation was made of the quality. The second schedule (Jan. 1, '91) lettered the sizes and defined the quality. "A" alone stood for first quality, "Aa" for second and "Aaa" for third. The schedule Jan 1, '95 which is still in operation numbered the sizes and designated the quality in words as—No 5 first 2 cents that being the ordinary type-by quality is meant the grade of paper, not necessarily the color. The first quality is white and amber, the second buff or blue and the third manilla or manilla amber. It is likely that a new watermark will be adopted with the new contract.

EARLY BUREAU STAMPS.

Small circular, colored dots can be found in various positions on a number of bureau plates. They are usually between the two stamps adjacent to the imprint. I have seen the dots on most plates between numbers 55 and 251. They are probably guide dots such as are found in other positions on other U. S. stamps.

Plate 98 has numerous white blotches around the numerals denoting the value. They seem to be most plentiful in the upper right corner of the lower right pane.

The water marked stamps cannot be distinguished by the gum as has been stated. The gum used on the watermarked stamps was adopted in February or March, while the watermarks did not appear until April 29.

The early two cents are found on a queer paper. The back of the stamp shows the design and watermark quite plainly, yet the paper is not thin. Five sheets were found among fifty. It was not used long.

The distance between the two outside rows of perforations varies considerable on some sheets of the Bureau's first efforts. There is sometimes as much as 5 mm difference between their distance apart at the top and their distance apart at the bottom of the sheet.

The Bureaus one cent stamps can be changed to several colors by being dipped into different solutions of sulphuric acid and sulphate of copper. It is noticed that the early and late stamps are always changed to entirely different colors by the same solution.

It is also remarkable that the American Bank Note Company's one cent stamps and the Bureau's early one cent are always changed to the same color by the same solution while later Bureau stamp take a different color. This goes to prove that the Bureau at first used the Bank Note Company's material.

Hawaiian stamps will still be good for domestic or foreign postage in the islands. With the Cubans, Porto Ricans, and Filipines however it will be different.

Richard P Wolfe has been sentenced to $500 fine and to be confined 18 months in the penitentiary.

It is said that Canada will have a stamp, bearing the map of British Empire.

BY THE BUSINESS MANAGER.

It gives me great pleasure to add to our list of Editors, the name of G. B. Ward, who will have charge of the CAMERA NEWS. Being one of the leaders of Chicago, and a stamp man as well, you may know he will help to make the paper better, and his department will be a leader in its class.

The delay of paper since last July, we lay to our printer. When he took the contract, he said he could get it out in one week, instead of which every number has run nearly and sometimes over a month. His work suits, but as no one wishes to be out on time, any more than I do, and believe I can claim to be the only one that got out my magazine nearly two months (Sept., of 1896) so as not to be late, being at the stamp meets. This has been the main cause of our change of printers.

FREE SUBSCRIPTION. Do you want such, if a reader we offer about the same, viz. If you are already a subscriber, send one cent for each name, or if your subscription expires with this number, (as quite a number do), and wish to renew, or if a new subscriber, send 25 cts, and with each name you wish the paper sent to, add one cent each. We also allow each name a free exchange notice. This one cent offer only holds good for this year, so see if you know a good thing when you see it.

We have now a list that we are willing to compare with any philatelic or camera, monthly in the U. S., or the world for that matter, and believe will run the weeklies a close one. When R. Neuman and others, say it brings them more replies than they get on same class of ads in the weeklies. It pays them; why not you.

PRIZE FOR BEST MSS. TO HELP THE COLLECTOR. We are always pleased to receive suggestions or hints for the benefit of the collector, or the betterment of the paper, and wish to see some good manuscript, to help the collector, or on certain stamps of a country. For such we offer three prizes as follows: for the best manuscript sent before May 1, 1899.

FIRST. $20.00 in good U. S. or Foreign stamps. or $20.00 Government Bond.

SECOND $10.00 in stamps or camera

THIRD. $5.00 in stamps or a $5.00 camera

RULES.

Each contestant must be a subscriber.

Manuscript must contain at least 1000 words.

All must be original. Prepay postage.

Articles will be published in columns of this magazine if they suit.

The U. S. 3 per cent $20.00 Government Bond is offered if 100 enter the contest.

Let each reader enter the contest.

How many of our readers have had dealings with Williams & Co, and how did you come out? We may have a surprise in our next number, if we do not hear by the first.

Tuttle's Auction list comes as regular as most monthlies, and is a leader, his sales having averaged over a thousand dollars at each sale. Drop a card to him at 87 Nassau St., N. Y., for list.

Readers will do well to look over all the advertisements, as some bargains are offered, not seen in any other magazine. It will pay you to look over the ads, even if you do not wish to buy.

Jannasch's "Want list of U. S. Revenues", including the '98 issues, is well worth the price asked. Look up his ad in the September number.

We wish ads, especially one-quarter page and up, and offer lower rates than any. Only a dollar for a trial ¼ page, or $3.00 for a page, and circulation considered, this can't be beat. Cash with copy.

By sending postage for all questions asked, or about back numbers,, papers not received, and ads, you will receive a prompt reply by next mail Our postage alone is quite an item.

Advertisers get the worth of their money in the PHILATELIC WEST Place your dimes, and get dollars in return.

The Dewey Stamp Co. report a mistake in their ad, the $1.00 Int. Ex. should read 15cts not 10cts.

We have some good ads from Canada dealers in this issue, it will pay you to look them over.

The Manilla pictures advertised, are good ones, and are not seen every day. Better secure one or more.

Our exchange column is being abused by some, and hereafter will allow only one notice free to each subscriber. We make a low cash rate for those who wish to use it more than once.

The reason we have added the CAMERA NEWS to our paper, is, that we find most of our readers are interested in our possess cameras. And then stamps and photos are well mated, each of them makes a very interesting collection especially as souvenirs of your trip, ect. Our camera department is in charge of a stamp collector, and will help both branches all he can.

We also have a number of readers who sell or handle cameras and also collect stamps, and all think well of our plan.

In some issues we can give more camera news than stamp, and vice versa. We desire to be up-to date, and would be pleased to receive suggestions or anything that would be of benefit. We especialy desire articles on stamps of different countries, or hints to help the collector.

A number of dealers would rather give stamps for ad space, than cash, and to such we offer a trial ad, for stamps, if same are not the imperf. or part perf. U. S. Rev., or minor varieties of paper and watermarks, local, ect. We have no time to pay attention to these minute varieties. Will accept any stamps at catalogue price, of 5 cts or over, at our regular rates. Send return postage, in case of refusal.

We circulate as far north as Alaska, south as Argentine Republic, and also in Africa, Australia, Manilla, ect.

We notice in the list of subscribers to the Philatelic Advocate, of Canada, that Nebraska leads in the states west of the Mississippi, and holds fourth place in the U. S. It must be a good state.

The concessionaires at the Trans-Mississippi exposition, declare that at no previous exposition did the people buy as freely and extensive of the merchandise offered for sale by them. This is a fair index of financial conditions in the west.

If you look over the list of magazines published in the west, you will find two on the Pacific coast, two in Texas, and two others, between the Rockies and the Mississippi, a year or more old, with the largest field of all. Only six magazines of this class west of the Mississippi. We leave our readers to judge which of the six is the leader.

A Merrie Christmas and Happy New Years to ye all.

132 subscribers is the number we received in one month, and that too before winter set in. What monthly received more

With every 25 cent subscription we offer any phratelic monthly in the U. S. whose price is not above ours. For 50 cents any philatelic monthly in the U. S. or either of these; Stamp Collectors Journal, Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser or Stamps. For 60 cents any philatelic weekly. In this way you get two papers for the price of one.

Since our last writing we have changed printers, the last delay being the longest yet. The former printer left out several pages of matter including the report of the Trans-Mississippi Society, my best manuscript, and ads and exchange notices. I missed one month in the hope that he would get it out on time, but it was later than ever.

Received with thanks. First Canada Xmas stamp from Lowe, whose photo we give in this issue. Also price lists from Burton & Burton, Boomer, and Jubilee Stamp Co., auction catalogues of Bogert, Durbin, Tuttle, and Morenus of New York.

William & Co. issue a large price list. A number of papers are sending them out.

Camera price lists from Western Camera Co., Chicago; Meeker Co. N., Chicago, Z. T. Briggs, Atchison, Kans; De Putron, Lincoln Neb.

Copies of "Ideal and Black" of E. Hand, and "Ambition" of Dickinson, both of Chicago.

The best foreign directory I have yet seen is the one of W. Siessmann, Sealfeld, Germany. All dealers should have a copy. The only trouble with it is, it is unbound, and printed in German.

The Souvenir postal cards from Kropp are the best I have seen in the U. S. and are well worth the price.

Western Stamp Co., Wichita, Ks., sent us one of the neatest approval books we have seen. They also report that Rob G. Edgar, of Lincoln, Ill., is a fraud and warn dealers and collectors to look out for him.

Moe & Penfold of Omaha, have issued a neat amateur photo catalogue. It contains several nice half tones of western scenes. Write for it.

Also used photo price lists from Ullman of St. Joseph, and Hyatt of St. Louis, Mo

Pope Mfg Co., send out the neatest pad calendar we have seen, and is well worth the price, 10 cents, to any one.

J. W Lowe sends circulars of Phil Clubs of Toronto Canada, which we think would be a good thing for all collectors of that city to join.

Multiscope & Film Co., of Burlington, Wis., send us circulars of these goods.

Kirkland Lithium Paper Co, of Denver Colo., send us samples of their paper.

S. P. Huges has issued a neat price list well worth sending for See his page ad

St Louis Stamp & Coin Co., who have a page ad in this issue, is in charge of an old Nebraska boy, and wishes to buy collections or loose stamps. I can recommend him as a good buyer.

E. L Shove is a leader in philatelic literature, see his page ad, and if in need of any papers, write him.

H C. Crowell has a good ad and has placed the Ohio stamp exchange among the leaders.

The N. Y Society of Amateur Photographers have a correspondence branch and Pres. W. G. Pierson, 175 St. Marks Ave., Brooklyn, can send you blanks or further information

CAMERA NEWS.

G. B. WARD, - - - EDITOR.
208 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

PROSPECTUS.

CAMERA NEWS.—Is to be for the Amateur, and photography will be told in a way so that he can understand it: no chemical symbols are involved, long minded scientific discussions, simply photography, told in a simple easily understood way.

It will be the first magazine in the country on photographic instruction that can be understood without an instructor, in short we are going to explain common, every day picture taking in such a way that any one with a common every day sort of education can understand it.

We shall publish articles on all those constantly recurring questions. How do you develop? What developer shall I use? What make of plates are the best? What paper makes the finest prints? What camera is the best? How do you make flash lights?

These are some of the questions that are warping the souls of our amateurs, and none there be who answer them.

Now the editor of CAMERA NEWS has had long and much experience in answering just these kinds of photographic interrogations, and he is going to sort it up and string it together for the benefit of our readers—and that's our prospectus.

Our publishers are so well pleased with the flattering reception, accorded the Camera department, that it has been decided to enlarge its sphere of use to our readers: henceforth the Camera will share equal honors with the Stamp, not only in space but in name. it is no longer the Camera department of PHILATELIC WEST, it is PHILATELIC WEST AND CAMERA NEWS.

The editor of CAMERA NEWS will try to make it "newsy" in all respects pertaining to the photographic science.

Articles telling in plain language not only how to take photographs but also how to make them according to the latest methods of working now in vogue will be the regular order of the day.

In the next issue a photographic correspondence column will be inaugurated in which will be answered all questions of general interest.

All other questions pertaining to subjects not considered to be of general interest, will be cheerfully answered by mail providing postage is enclosed.

We are anxious to secure a large advertising clientele from among the manufacturers and dealers in photographic goods and specialties, and to that end invite correspondence. We will make especially low rates to induce new advertisers to give CAMERA NEWS a trial.

The year is old, and the flash-light days are on us.

One great mistake is usually made by the average amateur who attempts flash pictures: he puts out all the lights in the room which has the effect of enlarging the pupils of the eyes. This gives that horrible staring effect so often seen in flash-lights.

Let your lights burn as usual, only be sure that none of them are directly in front of the lens. If your powder happens to go off at the wrong time, and your hand happens to be badly burnt, use sweet oil, and lots of it. But be careful, burns made by flash powder are bad, they heal very slowly.

The latest thing in photography is the new process for making photographs in natural colors.

There is a company sn Chicago that are preparing to put on the market,

MANILLA PHOTOGRAPHS

For the following pictures just received from Sergeant E. C. Peters, 1st Nebraska volunteers.

No. 1—This is a large view of an insurgent soldier Lundquist at the cross roads where the U. S. was fired on by the rebels on the first day. The small house at the second house is one of the many rebel positions in a small way.

No. 2—Here is where the U. S. was fired on by the rebels on the first day of the Philippine-American battle. About one half from the first on left to right. These lots are to the front in No. 1. And the U. S. is taken from the right, showing the rebels as coming from the left.

No. 3—Showing the Nebraska boys in line of battle. The line is the Pasig River and the white house across the river is the Nebraska regimental headquarters. The large white building is the Catholic church and the second story is where we have all of our Red Cross supplies received from the London Times as a Nebraska man editor.

No. 4—Extensive view of No. 3 taken from the other side. The three regiments have two buildings, one the pride of all the Spanish officials and the other a fine house. About 40 men like Uncle Sam's Nebraska boys. Regiments, officers, and men in the distance. No. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are now occupying the city Aug. 13.

No. 5—Is a fair view of this city. Views and shooting, rolled and unique and fairly good. Also a group of insurgents in their uniforms. The white house is the palace for Aguinaldo and his staff. Dewey—Dudley at the palace of palaces. The boys behind the insurgents are Nebraska boys.

No. 6—Brings us a little local with some local interest to Nebraska people. This is just inside the fortifications. Commencement the first day of the fight. Here we have a fine view of the fortifications and the Spanish walls and entrances. Also a fine view of the regiment itself. Officers and men in the picture. Shows some of the natives, especially the insurgents, and the soldiers in the foreground and citizens and citizens.

No. 7—View of the wall of the city. Wall about 30 feet in height and 20 feet in thickness. Also a fine view of the moat, over which the boys have been looking. Along the top of the wall are the soldiers' quarters, and the cannon and other firing.

No. 8—Native Hawaiian boys and companions, on bay of Honolulu.

No. 9—Monitor Monterey and other Bronze coming into Honolulu harbor.

No. 10—Inside view of the Monterey in Honolulu harbor. Some of the crew in the foreground.

No. 11—Native Hawaiian boys diving for money in harbor. They never fail to get the money thrown to them before it reaches the bottom.

No. 12—Fine view of the Pasig River. Some of the boats and the bridge shown. The bridge is the property of the Pueblo.

No. 13—The Colon, one of the ships of the second expedition, having transports from Australia and New Zealand in the distance.

No. 14—Interesting Scene—Lieut. Thompson's funeral in Luneta, Manila.

No. 15—A general view of the bay. Mola Bruguel and the peninsula. Long pier from the Nebraska navy. Also a fine view of the bay.

Copies of these pictures can be secured for a limited time, of

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photographs, transparencies and lantern slides in all the colors of nature. An exhibi ion of their work and process was made at the chrysanthemum sh w, held a few weeks back

Is the long wished for day at hand, when nature will be brought forth in our photographs in all of her beautiful robing of co or. Verily it behooves no man to limit the possible, in these wondrous days.

BLUE PRINTS AND HOW TO MAKE THEM.

The easiest, simplest, and withall one of the most permanent ways to make a print is by the "blue print" or ferro-prussiate process. It is so simple that its use has been abuse and the true beauties of a properly made blue print are not seen often enough to be thoroughly appreciate l.

Blue print paper can be procured from all dealers in supplies, but care should be taken that it is freshly pre pared, as old paper prints slowly and does not wash out white.

The proper negative for blue printing is one having considerable contrast, and good detail throughout, what might be properly called a "snappy negative," a flat overtimed negative or a thin undertimed one will not make satisfactory prints. Take a piece of your fresh blue paper, (fresh paper is of a light green color) and place in the printing frame with the negative, same as for ordinary printing, print always in the sun, never attempt to blue print in the shade or on dull days as your prints will be flat and smoky, the whites greyed and dull. With an average negative, printing will take about ten minutes, but do not try to go by any fixed time: print until the shadows or dark portions in the print are completely covered by a silvery bronze, or to make it short, "print until the shadows bronze," do not be afraid of overprinting. a little longer washing and bleaching will remove the excess of color and your print will be all the better for it.

Now you have your print ready for the final operations, lay it in the bottom of a tray and either turn water on it from the faucet or pour on water from a pitcher.

Turn off this first wash as quickly as possible and pour on some fresh, do this several times or until the blue color does not run off from the print when held up and allowed to drip: when sufficiently washed according to this method place the tray with the print immersed in a small amount of water for about fifteen minutes in bright sun to bleach.

It may then be dried between blotters or mounted in the ordinaay way. If these instructions have been carefully followed, you will have a beautiful photograph in a most delicate blue and white, and with a wealth of detail un surpassed by any other method of printing, when matt-surfaced prints are obtained.

The process of making blue paper is quite simple and as many amateurs are desirous of doing it all themselves, in the next number of Camera News, will appear instructions for the making of the paper in a small but satisfactory way.

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Now have ready some water that is boiling, not merely hot but boiling hot pour the boiling water slowly into the flour—starch—and—water mixture, stirring vigorously all the time, it will soon begin to thicken and semi-transparent lumps form, which must be mashed down with the spoon, thin it down to about the proper consistency, allowing for its thickening-up somewhat on cooling. While still hot add a couple drops of Oil of Cloves. When cool place in a fruit can with screw top or other covered jars, and always keep it covered when not in use.

The important points about making this paste are the through rubbing up of all lumps with the cold water, the use of Boracic Acid as a preservative, the subsequent cooking of the starch and flour with boiling hot water and the final thorough stirring to render it smooth and free from lumps.

Boracic Acid can be procured from any drug store at about 5 cents per ounce; the quanity necessary to use in thoroughly preserving as much paste as the foregoing formula yields, would not exceed a quarter of a teaspoonful.

The use of oil of cloves is optional, but it does enhance the keeping quality.

If the above directions are followed implicitly, a paste will be produced that will be as satisfactory as any of the prepared articles.

GEO. B. WARD.

HINTS

It is often desirable to dry a negative rapidly and this is the way to do it.

Immerse the negative after washing in common alcohol, allow it to remain at least five minutes, then remove to drying rack.

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